

Hazardous Waste Episodic Event

NOTE: This document is not a substitute for state rules and federal regulations. Hazardous waste generators must comply with all applicable provisions in the Arizona Hazardous Waste Management Act, [Arizona Administrative Code \(AAC\) Title 18, Chapter 8](#) and [Arizona Revised Statutes \(ARS\) Title 49, Chapter 5](#), and federal hazardous waste regulations, [40 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Parts 260 to 273](#).

An episodic event describes a planned or unplanned activity that does not normally occur during generator operations, resulting in such an increase in hazardous waste generation that it exceeds the threshold for the generator's usual category.

A planned episodic event is an episodic event that was planned and prepared for by the generator. This may include equipment maintenance during plant shutdowns, tank cleanouts, short-term projects, and removal of excess chemical inventory.

An unplanned episodic event is an episodic event that was not planned or was not expected to occur. This may include accidental spills, product recalls, or "acts of nature," such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes.

The regulations regarding alternative standards for episodic generation can be found at, [40 CFR Part 262 Subpart L](#).

Whom Do Episodic Events Apply to?

Episodic events apply to very small quantity generators (VSQG) and small quantity generators (SQG) who exceed their generation category. They do not apply to large quantity generators. Refer to the EPA's Categories of Hazardous Waste Generators if generator category

is unknown. Learn more on EPA website at: epa.gov/hwgenerators/categories-hazardous-waste-generators.

How Many Episodic Events Are Allowed?

One planned and one unplanned episodic event are allowed per year ([40 CFR 262.233\(a\)\(1\)](#)).

How Long Can an Episodic Event Last?

An episodic event can last up to 60 days. The start date begins on the first day of episodic waste generation. The episodic event hazardous waste must be sent off-site to a designated facility within the 60 day timeframe ([40 CFR 262.232\(a\)\(6\)](#), [\(b\)\(5\)](#)).

What are the Recordkeeping Requirements?

Maintain records for three years from the end date of the episodic event ([40 CFR 262.232\(a\)\(7\)](#), [\(b\)\(6\)](#)).

When is it Appropriate to Notify of an Episodic Event?

During an episodic event VSQG's and SQG's may remain in their existing category for generated hazardous waste as long as they follow these conditions:

- Must submit a planned episodic event at least 30 calendar days prior to initiating the episodic event.
- Must notify of an unplanned episodic event within 72 hours of the event via phone at 602-771-4728 or email hazwastedata@azdeq.gov and subsequently submit the episodic event ([40 CFR 262.232\(a\)\(2\)](#), [\(b\)\(2\)](#)).

Where Do I Submit an Episodic Event?

Episodic events are submitted through myDEQ by logging in at my.azdeq.gov/mydeq/dashboard and using the Modify EPA ID/Submit Episodic Event option. A guide on Submitting a Hazardous Waste Episodic Event is available to assist users in submitting an episodic event at: static.azdeq.gov/mydeq/hazwaste_ep_event.pdf.

Contact & More Information

Email: hazwastedata@azdeq.gov

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Code of Federal Regulations:
ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse

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