

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Non-Hazardous Used Absorbent**

Non-hazardous used absorbent is absorbent that is used to absorb and clean up petroleum products, latex paint and other non-hazardous products, which usually do not exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic.

### **Non-Hazardous Used Rags**

Non-hazardous used rags (i.e. paper, rag-on-a-roll, cloth) are rags that are used to absorb and clean up petroleum products, latex paint and other non-hazardous products which usually do not exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic.

### **Hazardous Used Absorbent**

Hazardous used absorbent is absorbent used to absorb and clean up hazardous products, (i.e. solvents, non-latex paint, acid, etc.) which exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic or contain a listed hazardous waste.

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## **WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST BE FOLLOWED IF THE USED RAGS OR ABSORBENTS ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE?**

- A hazardous waste accumulation container must be a DOT approved 1A2 open head drum. (Available from Environmental Services.)
- If generating both hazardous rags and hazardous absorbent, they must be collected in separate containers.
- A container for hazardous used absorbent must be clearly labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste" and "Used Absorbent".
- A container for hazardous used rags must be clearly labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste" and "Used Rags".
- The container must be closed and sealed at all times except when adding or removing wastes. Putting a lid on the container without the clamp is not closed, as material will spill from the container if it were to fall.
- Drums must be handled and stored as per Environmental **BMP No.313 – Drum & Container Management**.
- Container(s) must be stored in a Satellite Accumulation Area that is clearly marked and designated as a Satellite Accumulation Area as per Environmental **BMP No. 328 – Satellite Accumulation Areas**.
- Full containers must be transported to the Central Hazardous Waste Accumulation Facility located in the Environmental Yard within (3) three days from the date filled. Environmental

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**Used Absorbents and Used Rags**

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personnel must be available to receive the drum and check it into the Hazardous Waste Central Accumulation Point.

**WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST BE FOLLOWED IF THE SHOP'S USED RAGS OR ABSORBENT ARE NOT HAZARDOUS WASTE?**

Used absorbents and used rags can only be thrown in the trash under direct guidance from Environmental Services

Non-hazardous used rags and absorbents that do not contain free flowing liquids must be periodically characterized by Environmental Services to determine if they can be disposed in the normal trash.

**WHAT IF I AM UNCERTAIN IF USED ABSORBENT AND/OR USED RAGS ARE HAZARDOUS?**

- Contact Environmental Services for the waste determination.

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

All personnel shall receive training on this BMP when dealing with used absorbent and/or used rags on Morenci property.

Training will be provided by Supervisors and/or Team Environmental Representative.

All personnel who handle, store and manage hazardous waste used absorbent and/or hazardous waste used rags shall receive hazardous waste management training by the Environmental Services Department annually.

**QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP? CONTACT:**

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