

Guidelines for Setting up of Operating Facility: Hazardous Waste Management

Foreword

The Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provide for permission to an occupier/generator of waste to transport the hazardous wastes to an operator for further safe treatment and disposal.

Availability of reliable "operating facility" is an important requirement for effective management of hazardous wastes. The operator can be a government agency, an industry Association, a joint venture or a private sector company. We have an experience of common effluent treatment plants where government, nodal agency, industry Associations/companies participated.

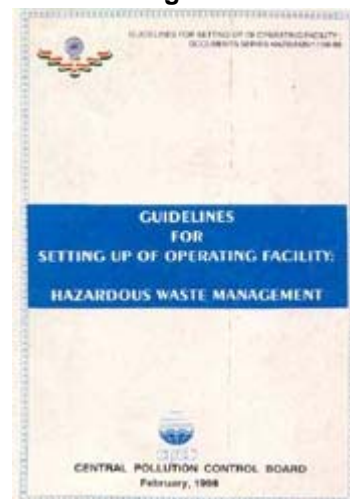
Hazardous waste treatment is a costly affair and needs continuity to run the treatment unit. The facility demands specialised supervision and

instrumentation. Hazardous wastes can hardly be reliably disposed by a loose confederation and a dedicated operating agency only can offer a solution. The industry and regulatory authorities should, therefore, groom such operating agencies. To this end, it will be useful to have some guidelines for setting up of operating facility for hazardous waste management.

The present document provides a few practical tips given in a capsule form along with a few check points to the aid of State Pollution Control Boards, future operating agencies and member industries.

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