



Department of  
**Environment &  
Conservation**

# Special Waste Approvals: Transfer Stations and Convenience Centers

Underground Storage Tanks and Solid Waste Disposal Control Board

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- Next Steps
- Q&A

# Question

**When handling special wastes, must Tennessee-based transfer stations and convenience centers obtain special waste approvals even if the waste passing through the stations and centers goes out-of-state?**

# Short Answer

When handling special wastes, must Tennessee-based transfer stations and convenience centers obtain special waste approvals even if the waste passing through the stations and centers goes out-of-state?

The Rules require transfer stations and convenience centers to have special waste approvals, regardless of the waste's ultimate destination, but the Rules do not explicitly indicate what the special waste approval process entails for those respective facility types.

# Rules: Transfer Stations

Owners or operators of transfer stations must “[e]nsure that special wastes are not received, unless... [s]uch receipt has been specifically approved in writing by the Commissioner, and... [s]pecial procedures and/or equipment are utilized to adequately confine and segregate the special wastes[.]”

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 0400-11-01-.02(2)(b)1.(i)(XIII).

# Rules: Convenience Centers

“The facility shall not receive special waste unless approval is received from the Department in writing. Approval will require the construction of special containment areas.”

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 0400-11-01-.10(3)(I).

# Next Steps

- Provided legal background on a complex issue
- Board may be interested in considering the issue and propose a path forward
- OGC continues to support the Division to comply with state and EPA requirements

# Questions?

