



Environmental Services Hazardous Waste Newsletter

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P-Listed Waste Reminders

VSQGs and SQGs can generate up to 2.2 lbs. of P-listed waste **per month** to remain within their generator size. [More info here.](#)

Pharmaceuticals, including P-listed pharmaceuticals, do not 'count' towards generator size at healthcare facilities. [More info here.](#)

P-codes will only apply to waste when it is disposed of *unused* for its intended purpose. [More info here.](#)

2026 License Renewal

Annual Reports were mailed out at the beginning of December. These were sent to the mailing address and point of contact we currently have on file. If you have had staffing changes in the last year, be aware the letter may be addressed to whomever was in charge at this time last year.

Important Deadlines:

- **January 30, 2026:** Completed Annual Reports must be postmarked by this date.
- **January – March 2026:** Invoices issued before March 1 must be paid within 30 days.
- **March 31, 2026:** Invoices issued March 1 or after must be paid by March 31. If the invoice is not paid by this date, generators are immediately considered to be operating without a license.
- **April 1, 2026:** The new license must be prominently displayed.

License fees are due by the date marked on the invoice. Annual Reports or payments that are not received on time will be subject to additional late fees.

Manifest Exception Reporting

The EPA has extended the timeframe requirement for exception reports from 45 to 60 days.

LQG Requirements: An LQG that does not receive a final copy of the manifest within 45 days of when the waste was shipped must contact the transporter or designated facility to determine the status of the hazardous waste. If the final manifest is not received within 60 days of shipment, the LQG must submit an exception report to the [EPA e-Manifest system](#).

SQG Requirements: An SQG that does not receive a final copy of the manifest within 60 days of when the waste was shipped must submit an exception report to the [EPA e-Manifest system](#).

Fluorescent Lamp Sales Ban

On January 1, 2026, Phase 2 of Minnesota's Clean Lighting Law went into effect. New and unused pin-base compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and linear fluorescent lamps will no longer be allowed for sale to reduce environmental and health risks from mercury exposure. [MPCA Fact Sheet.](#)

If you already own mercury-containing lamps, you may continue to use them.

Meet your Inspectors

You may be seeing some new faces during your inspections and missing some old ones. Inspector Laura Schmidt retired in the Spring of 2025 after over 28 years of service with the Department. We've gained some new staff and switched around territories in the past year.

Meet our current hazardous waste team:

<p>Tom Olson, REHS Senior Environmental Health Specialist Phone: 763.324.4243 tom.olson@anokacountymn.gov Territory: Bethel, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, Saint Francis</p>	<p>Tom is our senior inspector with over seven years of experience conducting hazardous waste inspections at Anoka County. In addition to hazardous waste, Tom oversees our solid waste and salvage yard programs.</p>
<p>Mikayla Stickler Environmental Health Specialist Phone: 763.324.4333 mikayla.stickler@anokacountymn.gov Territory: Andover, Anoka, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Hilltop</p>	<p>Mikayla joined the team early last year. She previously worked in hazardous waste transportation, specializing in lab packing. When she isn't working with the hazardous waste program, Mikayla also runs the Department's body art program.</p>
<p>Erin Williams Environmental Health Specialist Phone: 763.324.4208 erin.williams@anokacountymn.gov Territory: Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbus, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood Township, Spring Lake Park and Facilities</p>	<p>Erin is our newest inspector joining us all the way from Indiana where she previously worked at a local health department. She's been a great addition to our team as she's taken on her new hazardous waste territory as well as overseeing our ten-day transfer facilities and household hazardous waste collection sites.</p>

Web Resources

Visit [Anoka County Environmental Services](#) for additional information on:

- Temporary Food Licensing
- Food Service Establishments
- Lodging
- Body Art
- Hazardous Waste Generators
- Public Swimming Pools
- Water Management
- Solid Waste
- Recycling and Resource Solutions

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