

QUESTION: The definition of ignitable liquids excludes aqueous solutions containing less than 24 percent alcohol by volume (40CFR 261.21(a) (1)). How does the Agency define "aqueous"?

ANSWER: EPA does not define "aqueous" in the regulation, nor does it give guidance in any preamble. As a rule-of-thumb, any solution which is greater than 60-70 percent water should be considered "aqueous." Conversely, any solution which contains less than 60 percent water is nonaqueous.

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