

EP Toxicity Characteristic Amendments

5. What is the status of the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP)?

The Agency plans to propose to amend the current EP Toxicity characteristic (40 CFR §261.24) by introducing a new leaching procedure to replace the current EP procedure (Method 1310, SW-846) and expanding the characteristic to include additional toxicants. This new leaching procedure, the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), will also be proposed to be included in SW-846. The TCLP will be suitable for determining the mobility of both organic and inorganic compounds present in liquid, solid, and multiphase wastes. The draft TCLP test method was made available in April 1985 for technical comments. Copies are available by contacting Agnes Ortiz (Room S248) at (202) 475-8990. The Agency plans to propose the amended toxicity characteristic in November 1985. Until the TCLP test method is promulgated as a final rule, the EP Toxicity test procedure should be used. For technical comments/information contact Todd Kimmell at 382-4795.

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