

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mary Coleman
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Dear Ms. Coleman:

This is in response to your letter of October 19, 1987, to Mike Petruska regarding Manifest Document Numbers. Your understanding that the Manifest Document Number is a unique five digit number assigned to the manifest by the generator is correct. The number may be entirely numeric or alpha-numeric. EPA requires only that the number be unique within the generator's tracking or filing system. With a unique Manifest Document Number, the generator is able to connect the manifest with the shipment. Any requirement to use a strictly numeric Manifest Document Number would be a matter of state regulations or EPA regional policy.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 1987

Mike Petruska
U.S. EPA
Office of Solid Waste
W.H. 562 401 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20460
Regarding: Manifest Document Number assigned by Generator

Dear Mr. Petruska,

I have called EPA in Atlanta, Washington and Florida with all agreeing it was all right to use a letter (which indicates the chemical sent) at the end of my manifest document number.

One transporter has had a problem with this, saying it calls for a five digit number. He apparently is overlooking that the EPA 12-digit NUMBER has 3 letters, his state transporter ID NUMBER has 2 letters (45-HW), that drivers license NUMBERS have letters, license plate NUMBERS have letters, the waste NUMBER is D002, etc.

It is my understanding that the Manifest Document Number is a unique (choice) 5 digit number assigned to the manifest by the Generator. This number is for the generator to choose and it is for their tracking or filing system.

I was given your name after calling EPA Hotline in Washington. I need verification in writing that the Manifest Document Number can have a letter if the generator so chooses.

Sincerely,

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