

QUESTION: If a hazardous waste flows into a ditch and is diluted to the point where it is no longer hazardous, what type of a facility is the ditch?

ANSWER: A ditch constructed primarily of earthen materials would meet the definition of a surface impoundment (260.10). In this example, the unit would be conducting treatment of a hazardous waste and would probably be considered a treatment surface impoundment. Alternately, the ditch could be viewed as an appurtenance to some other waste management unit at the facility.

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