

3. Liquids in Landfills

In the "Statutory Interpretative Guidance on the Prohibition of Liquid Hazardous Waste in Landfill", May 6, 1985, the discussion of chemical stabilization indicates that the stabilized material must achieve a strength of at least 50 p.s.i. and pass the paint filter test for free liquids. Does the Agency require that the waste has fully achieved the 50 p.s.i. level or above before disposal or that the waste just pass the paint filter test?

Section 3004(c) (1) prohibits the disposal in a landfill of bulk liquids to which absorbents have been added. The Agency has not issued regulations prescribing a method to determine whether absorbents have been added, but the guidance does recommend the owner/operator provide a one-time demonstration that 50 p.s.i. can be achieved. The waste need only pass the paint filter test once the initial one time demonstration that the process will achieve at least 50 p.s.i. has been completed.

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