

"K052: Bottoms from Tanks Storing Leaded Gasoline at Petroleum Refineries"

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QUESTION: According to 40 CFR §261.32, the hazardous waste code K052 applies to tank bottoms (leaded) from the petroleum refining industry. A variety of petroleum fractions including leaded gasoline are stored in product tanks at refineries. Bottoms from all of these tanks may contain lead. Does the K052 listing apply only to bottoms from tanks storing leaded gasoline, or does it apply to lead-containing bottoms from refinery tanks storing any petroleum fractions?

ANSWER: EPA intended the K052 listing to apply only to bottoms from tanks storing leaded gasoline at petroleum refineries. The listing does not apply to bottoms from tanks storing other petroleum fractions, like diesel, even if those bottoms contain lead. Tanks bottoms that do not carry the K052 code can still be regulated under RCRA Subtitle C if they exhibit one or more characteristics of hazardous waste. (February 1994 Monthly Hotline Report)