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5. Secondary Containment for Tanks

The hazardous waste tank restrictions promulgated in the July 14, 1986 Federal Register (51 FR 25422) included requirements for secondary containment (§265.193). One of the three methods of secondary containment is a vault (§265.193(d)(2)). The vault system must be designed or operated to contain 100 percent of the capacity of the largest tank within its boundary. If the largest tank within the boundary contains non-hazardous waste, must the vault be designed to contain the capacity of the non-hazardous waste tank or the capacity of the largest hazardous waste tank?

The hazardous waste tank regulations are not applicable to tanks containing non-hazardous waste; therefore the vault must be designed to contain 100 percent of the capacity of the largest hazardous waste tank.

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