



OPERATIONS - ABANDONED MATERIALS

ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINE



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance on the proper handling of abandoned materials in order to prevent personal injury, property damage, damage to the environment, and the improper disposal of hazardous materials.

Each owner and operator is responsible for understanding applicable regulations and managing their materials; accordingly, this Environmental Guideline is meant as guidance only and does not supersede any regulations.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

All activities associated with the discovery of abandoned waste, including identification, notification, collection, disposal, and recording/recordkeeping.

EXPECTATIONS

Best Practices

- If feasible and safe to do so, identify and assess material(s) and ownership. Inspect external markings or labeling on the material/package and note the location relative to potential waste generators in the area (i.e. tenants/contractors). Interview nearby personnel.
- If the material is suspected to be dangerous or can't be identified, notify the Airport Communications Center at 303-342-4200 so they may notify the relevant Emergency Response Team.
- If the material can be identified and is determined not to be dangerous, properly contain, manage and dispose of the material (if possible).
- Conduct employee training programs that cover relevant safety protocols and response procedures when abandoned waste is discovered. Training can also address topics such as spill response, housekeeping, and material management practices.
- Airport Security Considerations – Personnel safety is of primary importance in dealing with an unknown or abandoned material. Consider the possible linkage to terrorism in approaching and dealing with an abandoned material.

Shall Not



- Open unknown or suspicious containers and packages to inspect or determine the contents without appropriate response training so as to prevent personal injury, property damage, or long-term damage to the environment.
- Dispose of an abandoned material without notifying the appropriate responders or determining the material type if safe to do so.

REFERENCES

Contacts

- DEN Communications Center (for abandoned material reporting): 303-342-4200
- DEN Environmental Services (Main Line): 303-342-2730; DENEnvironmental@flydenver.com

Additional Resources

- MSDSs/Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (NPG)
- DOT Emergency Response Guidebook
- EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- OSHA Emergency Preparedness and Response guidance
- Spill Notification Document
- Disposal Manifests
- DEN Environmental Services and Operations Closure Documents
- DEN Operations Reports
- DEN Rules and Regulations