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§265.277 [Reserved]

§ 265.278 Unsaturated zone (zone of aeration) monitoring.

- (a) The owner or operator must have in writing, and must implement, an unsaturated zone monitoring plan which is designed to:
- (1) Detect the vertical migration of hazardous waste and hazardous waste constituents under the active portion of the land treatment facility, and
- (2) Provide information on the background concentrations of the hazardous waste and hazardous waste constituents in similar but untreated soils nearby; this background monitoring must be conducted before or in conjunction with the monitoring required under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.
- (b) The unsaturated zone monitoring plan must include, at a minimum:
- (1) Soil monitoring using soil cores, and
- (2) Soil-pore water monitoring using devices such as lysimeters.
- (c) To comply with paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the owner or operator must demonstrate in his unsaturated zone monitoring plan that:
- (1) The depth at which soil and soilpore water samples are to be taken is below the depth to which the waste is incorporated into the soil;
- (2) The number of soil and soil-pore water samples to be taken is based on the variability of:
- (i) The hazardous waste constituents (as identified in §265.273(a) and (b)) in the waste and in the soil; and
 - (ii) The soil type(s); and
- (3) The frequency and timing of soil and soil-pore water sampling is based on the frequency, time, and rate of waste application, proximity to ground water, and soil permeability.
- (d) The owner or operator must keep at the facility his unsaturated zone monitoring plan, and the rationale used in developing this plan.
- (e) The owner or operator must analyze the soil and soil-pore water samples for the hazardous waste constituents that were found in the waste during the waste analysis under §265.273 (a) and (b).

[Comment: As required by §265.73, all data and information developed by the owner or oper-

ator under this section must be placed in the operating record of the facility.]

§ 265.279 Recordkeeping.

The owner or operator must include hazardous waste application dates and rates in the operating record required under §265.73.

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§ 265.280 Closure and post-closure.

- (a) In the closure plan under §265.112 and the post-closure plan under §265.118, the owner or operator must address the following objectives and indicate how they will be achieved:
- (1) Control of the migration of hazardous waste and hazardous waste constituents from the treated area into the ground water;
- (2) Control of the release of contaminated run-off from the facility into surface water;
- (3) Control of the release of airborne particulate contaminants caused by wind erosion; and
- (4) Compliance with §265.276 concerning the growth of food-chain crops.
- (b) The owner or operator must consider at least the following factors in addressing the closure and post-closure care objectives of paragraph (a) of this section:
- (1) Type and amount of hazardous waste and hazardous waste constituents applied to the land treatment facility:
- (2) The mobility and the expected rate of migration of the hazardous waste and hazardous waste constituents;
- (3) Site location, topography, and surrounding land use, with respect to the potential effects of pollutant migration (e.g., proximity to ground water, surface water and drinking water sources);
- (4) Climate, including amount, frequency, and pH of precipitation;
- (5) Geological and soil profiles and surface and subsurface hydrology of the site, and soil characteristics, including cation exchange capacity, total organic carbon, and pH;
- (6) Unsaturated zone monitoring information obtained under §265.278; and