

Temporary storage of waste motor vehicles before transfer to an Authorised Treatment Facility

Purpose

This position statement clarifies when waste motor vehicles may be temporarily stored at a SEPA approved site, which does not hold a waste management licence (WML) OR which holds a WML but is not authorised to accept undepolluted waste motor vehicles, in order to facilitate the collection and transport of them to an authorised treatment facility for depollution.

Background

The storage of undepolluted waste motor vehicles at a place other than where they were produced requires a waste management licence (WML).

However, SEPA recognise that the collection of waste motor vehicles, particularly from island and remote rural locations, can be difficult if restricted to waste management facilities. In order to facilitate the collection and transport of waste motor vehicles to an authorised treatment facility for depollution and recycling, SEPA will allow their temporary storage without WML authorisation, provided certain conditions are met.

Upon removal from storage, each waste motor vehicle must be taken to an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF) to be depolluted and recycled, following hazardous waste consignment procedures.

SEPA position and conditions that apply

SEPA will not take enforcement action when waste motor vehicles are temporarily stored at a SEPA approved site, which does not hold a WML OR which holds a WML but is not authorised to accept undepolluted waste motor vehicles, provided that the following conditions are met.

1. Waste motor vehicles must be stored at a site approved¹ by the [local SEPA office](#). Approval should be requested for both licensed and unlicensed sites using the notification form in Appendix 1.
2. No more than 10 waste motor vehicles shall be stored on the site at any one time.
3. The maximum storage time is 12 months.
4. No dismantling, depollution or crushing of waste motor vehicles shall be conducted.
5. Waste motor vehicles must be stored on an impermeable pavement with a sealed drainage system.
6. Records must be kept (for two years from date the vehicle arrives onsite) identifying:
 - a. registration number, make & model of each waste motor vehicle
 - b. name & address of the individual disposing of the waste motor vehicle
 - c. dates of arrival and removal to an ATF
 - d. consignment note details (undepolluted waste motor vehicles are classed as hazardous waste)

¹ This activity must be approved by the local SEPA office and added to a national database held by the National Waste Unit by emailing the completed notification form to zerowaste@sepa.org.uk
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7. Records must be made available to SEPA upon request.
8. Equipment must be available to capture and mitigate spillages at all times.

Additionally, the activity must not endanger human health or the environment. In particular, the activity must not:

- cause a risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals
- cause a nuisance through noise or odours
- adversely affect the countryside or places of special interest.

This position statement applies only in Scotland. The terms of this position statement may be subject to periodical review and be changed or withdrawn in light of technological, regulatory or legislative changes, future government guidance or experience of its use. SEPA reserves its discretion to depart from the position outlined here and to take appropriate action to avoid any risk of pollution or harm to human health or the environment.

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Section 1: To be completed by the operator

Company name	
Registered address	
Site address (if different)	
Responsible person	
Telephone number	
Email address	
WML number (if relevant)	
Primary activity (if site has no WML), e.g. road haulage, agricultural sales, etc.	
Submit a site plan / map which identifies where the waste motor vehicles are to be stored	

Section 2: to be completed by SEPA officer during site visit

Confirm the site has an impermeable pavement with a sealed drainage system	
Confirm the site has adequate space to store waste motor vehicles on the impermeable pavement	
Confirm operator agrees & has capacity to keep records for two years identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. registration number, make & model of each waste motor vehicle b. name & address of the individual disposing of the waste motor vehicle c. dates of arrival and removal to an ATF d. consignment note 	
Confirm the site has appropriate equipment to capture and mitigate spillages	
Confirm site plan / map is attached and identifies where waste motor vehicles are to be stored	
Date of approval	
Name of SEPA officer	

NOTE: SEPA site officer to forward copy of completed notification form to zerowaste@sepa.org.uk for inclusion on the national database held by the National Waste Unit