

**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Solid Waste Management**

**Disposal of Demolition Debris
Generated as a Result of the Cleanup
of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs**

POLICY

Purpose

This policy establishes the requirements for disposal only of demolition debris generated as a result of cleanup actions of clandestine methamphetamine labs (CML). The chemicals used in the illegal manufacturing of these drugs are sent to authorized RCRA Hazardous Waste facilities by the cleanup contractor and are not addressed under this policy.

Background

CML cleanups may involve the demolition of buildings used as living spaces or out buildings, as well as, the disposal of contaminated equipment and furnishings. The debris generated from these cleanups may include such items as carpeting, wallboard, wood, curtains, furniture, fixtures, clothing, and white goods that have been contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOC), lead, mercury, iodine, phosphorous, acids and caustics. Sharps (e.g. hypodermic needles) may also be present in carpets, bedding and furniture. Limited amounts of asbestos containing material (ACM) and lead based paint debris may be present in some disposals.

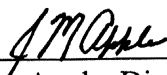
Blanket Special Waste Approval

Given the nature of the contaminated material, the Division hereby grants a blanket special waste approval for demolition debris from CML cleanups to be disposed of at municipal solid waste Class I facilities with the following conditions:

1. The disposal facility must be notified prior to disposal that the debris was generated from the cleanup of a CML; and
2. All asbestos containing material, lead-based paint debris, and medical waste must be disposed according to DSWM policy guidelines.

Site Specific Special Waste Approval

Certain large CML cleanups that require TDEC oversight and/or involve the sampling and excavation of contaminated soil may require an individual special waste approval.



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