

**QUESTIONS USED OIL GENERATORS SHOULD ASK WHEN
SELECTING A USED OIL TRANSPORTER
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For questions 1-11, the desirable answer is YES.

1. Is the transporter registered with the Department?
2. Will the transporter provide a copy of its Certificate of Approval, issued by the Department?
3. Is there a specific, documented procedure for accepting used oil from used oil generators?
4. Are specific tests used to screen the used oil for hazardous waste before it is accepted?
5. If the used oil is not tested before it is accepted, is the used oil from different generators sampled separately or stored separately (in separate containers or in separate compartments within the tank truck) until it has been tested?
6. Is the used oil transported to permitted recycling facilities with EPA identification numbers?
7. Are specific procedures followed to minimize spills?
8. If the transporter operates a used oil transfer facility, does the transfer facility have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan?
9. Are specific procedures used to clean up spills which may occur during collection or transportation?
10. Does the transporter keep records of truck and storage tank inspections and maintenance work?
11. Does the transporter have insurance that covers liability claims?

For questions 12 and 13, the desirable answer is NO. Information regarding spills or enforcement actions may be found at the Department's appropriate District Office.

7. Has the transporter released any used oil into the environment as a result of its handling?
8. Have any environmental enforcement actions or lawsuits been brought against the transporter?

NOTE: : A reputable used oil transporter should provide clear, straightforward answers to all of your questions. The transporter should also be willing to provide any necessary documentation (Certificate of Approval, test validations, bills of lading or manifest, etc.). It is recommended that all used oil generators, including Public Used Oil Collection Center owners/managers diligently evaluate the prospective transporter. A visit to the transporter's facility is a reasonable request and should never be denied. Personal visits to the facilities are encouraged by the Department.

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