Key Points

• Once excavated, contaminated soil and other solid waste must be managed in accordance with applicable laws.
• Minimally contaminated material may not warrant disposal at a landfill.
• Exemptions available from state solid waste law.
• Guidance documents provide details.

Presentation Overview

• Determine what you are managing.
• 2 exemption options for managing low-level materials.
• Focus on New NR 718 Guidance Documents
  • Tracking
  • Fees
  • Support Staff
  • What’s Next?
General Overview

Wisconsin laws that apply to management of materials:

- NR 500 – Solid Waste
- NR 718 – Response Actions
- NR 600 – Hazardous Waste

Waste Management Options

Overview of:
NR 718.12 and 718.15
Materials Management
Waste Management Options

- Excavated material may be eligible for the “clean fill” exemption in s. NR 500.08(2)(a).
- If “clean fill” then no DNR approval is required.

Determining Management Options

The person generating the material and person receiving it may have liability if contamination results.

Waste Management Options

- If you pick up contaminated material, it requires appropriate management.
- The waste determination is used by generator to identify options for management.
- Focus on Phase I type evaluation criteria – past land use.
Waste Management Options

- Sampling is not required but should be evaluated as an option.

- If contaminated, generator must adequately characterize the material.

If sampling is warranted:
- Analyze for all contaminants likely to be present at the site
- Collect samples from areas most likely impacted

Waste Management Options

- Option to use NR 718.12 sampling:
  - 1 sample/100 yds (for the first 600 yds)
  - 1 sample for each additional 300 yards thereafter
  - Minimum 2 samples

Waste Management Options

- Samples must be representative of what is being managed.

- Alternate sampling frequency may be approved

- Pre-approval should be obtained for alternate plans.
HW Determinations

- Required if material is known to be or has potential to be impacted by hazardous waste.
- Must be documented in writing, even if no samples taken.
- Consult “Waste Determinations & Recordkeeping” (WA-1152).

Waste Management Options

If low-level contamination, may be able to manage it at site or facility, other than licensed landfill.
DNR Program Coordination

Two exemptions to manage waste in location other than licensed landfill:

1) NR 718
2) Wis. Stats. 289.43(8)

DNR Program Coordination

NR 700 response actions:

- Managing contaminated soil on site or at another site or facility, and/or
- Managing other solid waste on response action site as part of a response action.

Exemptions available via NR 718

DNR Program Coordination

Activities that may be eligible for low hazard exemption:

- All other management activities where NR 718 does not apply.
- See WA publication 1645.
Low-Hazard Waste Exemption

- Very broad authority under Section 289 and NR 500

- Can be used to exempt many types of material for disposal at a non-landfill location

Overview of: NR 718.12 and 718.15

Materials Management

NR 718 Exemption

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Management of Contaminated Soil and Other Solid Wastes
Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 718.12 and NR 718.15

Purpose
This guidance is intended for use by responsible parties when excavating contaminated soil and/or other waste materials that may not warrant disposal at an operating, licensed landfill. This guidance describes several exemptions that may be available in such situations.

Background
Contaminated soil and other solid wastes that are generated as part of a response action under the state’s clean-up rules may be eligible for an exemption from state solid waste laws in Wis. Stats. § 292 and Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 500 to 538. The Wis. Admin. Code § NR 700 rule series governs the response to and cleanup of hazardous substance discharges and contaminated pollution. These exemptions to solid waste management are governed under Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 300.005, NR 718.12, and NR 718.15. See the “Quick Guide” in Appendix 1 for an overview.
Exemption Options – NR 718

Applies to:
- Responsible parties.
- Materials generated as part of NR 700 response action.
- Management of contaminated soil at the same “site” or other “site” or “facility.”
- Management of “other solid waste” (e.g., fill material) on source property only.
- Not disposing of in operating, licensed landfill.

Response Action

A “response action” is defined in s. NR 700.03(50) as:
- “any action taken to respond to a hazardous substance discharge of environmental pollution, including emergency and non-emergency immediate actions, investigations, interim actions and remedial actions.”

NR 708 Immediate Actions

May use NR 718.12(1) exemption:
- Self-implementing.
- Allows movement of soil on source property and soil on another site or facility.
- Limited to 100 cy of total soil.
- Levels of contaminants cannot require engineering controls (>NR 720).
Interim or Remedial Actions

May use NR 718.12 & 718.15 exemption:

- Requires RR program pre-approval.
- Submits information included within the "Recommended Exemption Request Format."
- May require engineering controls or other continuing obligations (> NR 720).

Exemption Options – NR 718
“Sites” and “Facilities”

For NR 700 response actions, where can I place the material per NR 718?

- Contaminated soil:
  - On same site where generated; or
  - Another “site” or “facility” approved by RR program.

- Other solid waste:
  - On same “site” or “facility” where generated.

“Site” or “Facility”

These terms have specific definitions…

**Site** means:
- Any “waste” site per 292.01(21)
- Any “area where a hazardous substance has been discharged” per NR 700.03(56)(b)

**Facility** means:
- Properties that meet definition per 292.

Takeaway: RR program is limited by law as to where it can approve this material to be placed.

Forms and Other Tools

1. NR 718 Recommended Format for an Exemption Request
2. Locational Criteria Exemption Request – Immediate Actions
3. Lab Data Reporting Form
4. Maintenance Plan Template
NR 718 Recommended Exemption Request Format

Exemption Request Format

Not a completely fillable form (yet).

- Some parts filled out on the form:

Other parts provided as attachments:

If format is used, submit filled out form plus all attachments.
Exemption Request Format

Format is Optional – but recommended:

- Helps to ensure a complete submittal.
- Allows for streamlined review.
- Satisfies the requirement to notify receiving site property owners of continuing obligations.

Exemption Request Format

Includes the following Sections:

1. General Information and Fees
2. Property and Contact Information
3. Waste Characterization
4. Project Description/Materials Mgmt Plan
5. Receiving Site or Facility Information
6. Locational Criteria
7. Add. Info for Non-Metallic Mine Sites
8. Continuing Obligations at Receiving Site or Facility
9. Figures – Attachments
10. Additional Attachments
11. Certification - Signatures

1. General Information and Fees

Identify the purpose of the exemption:

- Manage contaminated soil on the same response action site from which it was generated (§ NR 718.12).
- Manage contaminated soil at a site or facility that is different from the response action site from which it was generated (§ NR 718.12).
- Manage other solid waste at the same site from which it was generated (§ NR 718.15).
1. General Information and Fees

NR 749 Fees for Requesting Wsh. Admin. Code §§ NR 718.12 Soil or NR 718.15 Exception

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3. Waste Characterization

- What is it (soil or other solid waste)?

- How much is there?

- What are the contaminants?

- How was it characterized?
  - Present the sampling data, justify that it is sufficient

- Depth of excavated material?
4. Project Description/
Materials Mgmt. Plan

Where is it coming from, and where is it going to?
- Schedule
- How will activities minimize environmental impacts

5. Receiving Site or Facility Information

- Receiving site use
- Geology/hydrogeology
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Other regulatory restrictions (storm water)

5. Receiving Site or Facility Information

Additional documentation for off site relocation:
- Waste characteristics and quantities.
- The geology and hydrogeology of the area.
- The unavailability of other environmentally suitable alternatives.
- Compliance with other state and federal regulations.
- No threat to public health, safety, or welfare or the environment.
- Current land use and zoning.
6. Locational Criteria

- An exemption to the criteria may be requested.
- Applies to Immediate Actions under NR 708.

7. Non-Metallic Mine Receiving Sites

- Depth of natural groundwater level
- Copy of the reclamation plan that allows low-level contaminated material
- Capping requirements/restrictions

8. Continuing Obligations at Receiving Site

- Residual Soil Contamination.
- Maintenance of a Cover.
- Industrial Soil Standards.
- Future Actions to Address Vapor.
- Site-Specific Condition.
- Responsibility of owner of site or facility where it is being disposed of.
9. Figures

- Cut-Fill Maps
- Cross Sections
- Groundwater
- Contour Maps
- Sample Location Maps

10. Additional Attachments

- Maintenance Plan
- Deed for the Receiving Property
- Lab Data
- Analytical Table
11. Certification Statements

Property Owner Acknowledgement

Follow the **conditions and limitations** specified in the exemption and agreed to by applicant(s):

- Certify material managed at a “site” or “facility.”
- Manage material in future as solid waste with DNR approval.
- Understand exemption will be **tracked** in the BRRTS.
- Inspect and maintain engineering controls over the contaminated material per any continuing obligations.
- Subject to audits by the DNR.
- Understand that Wis. Stats. Chapter 709, **Disclosures by Owners of Real Estate**, may apply.
- Responsibility if hazardous substance discharge occurs.

Property Owner Acknowledgement

Signatures
Locational Criteria Exemption

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Request for Exemption from Location Criteria of NR 718.12(1)(c) for an Managing Soil as an Immediate Action

Introduction
Contaminated soil at a site or facility excavated or otherwise managed as part of an immediate action may be exempted from the Soil Waste Rules in Wis. Admin. Code NR 500 to NR 538 by Wis. Admin. Code NR 718.12(1) if soil contaminant concentrations are less than Wis. Admin. Code NR 720 Residual Contaminant Levels. Management as an immediate action is generally self-implementing, and does not require prior approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) if the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR 718.12(1) are met. This includes placing excavated soil at a site or facility that meets the location criteria specified in Wis. Admin. Code NR 718.12(1)(c).

Document Instructions
Complete all sections of this document as instructed below. Some portions of the document may be filled in directly as indicated, other

Locational Criteria Exemption

Lab Data Reporting Form

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NR 718.12 Sample Results Notification

Introduction
This document may be used to comply with the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR 718.12(1)(e)(4). The rule requires that responsible parties report to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) analytical results for samples collected to characterize soil that will be managed under a Wis. Admin. Code NR 718.12 exemption. Analytical results must be reported to the DNR in writing within 10 business days after receiving the sampling results.

Document Instructions
Complete and submit this form, along with laboratory data, to the appropriate DNR project manager. If you do not know who the project manager is, this documentation can be sent to the Environmental Program Associate in the appropriate region. A list of DNR EPA's can be found here: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html.
**Maintenance Plan Template**

- Under NR 718, if a cap is required a Maintenance Plan is also required.

- Maintenance Plan Template included as Attachment D, parts D.1. – D. 5. of Form 4400-202 – Closure Form

- Site can be audited in the future to ensure maintenance is conducted.

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**Tracking in BRRTS**

- Continuing obligations will be imposed on receiving sites or facilities where placement requires long-term stewardship.

- Includes listing on the DNR database.

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**Tracking in BRRTS**

- Contaminated material management sites:
  - receiving site or facility at which a property owner has agreed to accept contaminated soil from another “site” under an NR 718 approval process.

- Linked on BRRTS to show relationship to site or facility where material originated.
Tracking in BRRTS

- Documents, including the exemption request and the approval letter, will be uploaded to BRRTS.

Fees

- NR 718 Exemption fees:
  - Immediate Action - $700
  - Interim Action - $700
  - Remedial Action - $1050
  - Continuing Obligation Modification - $1050
  - PLUS database fees - $300 &/or $350
- On-site and off-site fees apply

On-Site Management of Material
Fees

Off-Site Management of Material

Who Can Help?
NR 718 Support

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Takeaways

- Don't pick it up without a plan to put it down.
- RR program is responsible for materials management at response action sites, as noted.
- RR program may allow contaminated soil to be managed at other sites or facilities.
- Exemptions are most readily approved if you tell us your story — connect the dots.
- Persons accepting material have responsibilities and will be in database.
What’s Next?

Process Guidance

- What contaminants?
- Where to place?
- What controls?

NR 718 & NR 500

Questions