



Procedures for Companies Requesting Approval to Transport Regulated Garbage Interstate

As codified [7 CFR 330.401\(e\)](#) and [9 CFR 94.5\(c\)\(4\)\(iv\)](#), “The Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs and Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, will cooperate with other Federal, State, and local agencies responsible for enforcing other statutes and regulations governing disposal of the regulated garbage to the end that such disposal shall be adequate to prevent the dissemination of plant pests and livestock or poultry diseases and comply with applicable laws for environmental protection. The inspectors, in maintaining surveillance over regulated garbage movements and disposal, shall coordinate their activities with the activities of representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, and other Federal, State and local agencies also having jurisdiction over such regulated garbage.” To satisfy the requirements of [7 CFR 330.401\(e\)](#) and [9 CFR 94.5\(c\)\(4\)\(iv\)](#), any company interested in transporting regulated garbage across state lines **must** contact the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) as well as other Federal, State and local agencies in each state associated with proposed hauling route to discuss intent.

Procedures for requesting approval to transport regulated garbage interstate:

Any company interested in transporting regulated garbage interstate **must** follow the procedures outlined in the “Procedure to Request Approval to Handle Regulated Garbage” document, which includes sending a signed letter requesting approval to handle regulated garbage to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Administrator. The letter to the APHIS Administrator **must** include the name and physical address of the processing (i.e., sterilizer or incinerator) facility that will sterilize or incinerate the regulated garbage. If the company is already approved to handle or transport regulated garbage, also include a copy of the current regulated garbage compliance agreement with the request.

The company **must** communicate with the [APHIS Veterinary Services \(VS\) S&P Service Centers](#) and the state environmental protection agency and any other state or Federal agency responsible with oversight for garbage for each state associated with the proposed hauling route. Note that some of the VS District contacts may be located outside of the state under discussion. The communication **must** notify these agencies of the company’s intent to haul APHIS regulated garbage in their state. The requesting company **must** allow these agencies the chance to provide the company with any additional requirements that **must** be met in order to comply with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, governing the movement of regulated garbage. The requesting company should request a written response within 21 days of the communication and should ensure that they comply with the other agencies’ requirements.

You can find contact information for the VS District Offices at the [Animal Health Contacts webpage](#). Please note-some of the VS District contacts may be located outside of the State under discussion. You can find contact information for PPQ staff associated with the APHIS Regulated Garbage Program at the [APHIS Regulated Garbage website](#).

The requesting company **must** provide the APHIS Administrator with written proof of communication with each VS District Office, State Veterinarian, state environmental protection agency and other state and Federal agencies with jurisdiction over the movement of regulated garbage, as well as any responses received from these officials. If the responses indicate that additional requirements **must** be met, then the company will need to provide proof that those additional requirements have been met. The proof of communication and proof of meeting additional requirements **must** be provided to APHIS, prior to the APHIS Administrator granting approval to the company to transport regulated garbage interstate. The requesting company is responsible for obtaining the required state and federal licenses and complying with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Failure to comply with local, state and Federal environmental laws may result in cancellation of the compliance agreement.

NOTE: Signed letters addressed and supporting documentation from these agencies can be sent electronically to the email address:

ppq.ops.regulated.garbage@usda.gov

or alternatively by hardcopy to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
c/o AQI VMO Director, PPQ Field Operations
2150 Centre Ave., Bldg. B
Ft. Collins, CO 80526