

Proposed Rivenhall IWMF – EPR Permit application

Types of waste applied for within the application

Waste classification

Wastes must be classified in this country by reference to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC). This requirement applies to all waste producers, hauliers and all those persons subsequently responsible for managing the waste.

The EWC includes a List of Wastes which is divided into 20 chapters and must be used for classifying waste and also for identifying whether the waste is hazardous (see separate document for chapter headings)

Most of the chapters (1-12 and 17-20) refer to an industry process or business activity that produced the waste together with municipal waste descriptions. Chapters 13, 14 & 15 refer to specific wastes whilst Chapter 16 refers to a list of general waste types.

The EWC includes rules on how the List of Wastes is to be used. Those responsible for classifying wastes must use the chapters in a certain order. Chapters 1-12 & 17-20 must be assessed first with Chapters 13, 14 & 15 only being used if an appropriate description/match cannot be found. Lastly, Chapter 16 is only used if no suitable description can be found in all the other chapters.

Each waste description within the List is given a six figure code commonly referred to as the EWC waste code. Any hazardous waste descriptions within the List are signified by a six figure code followed by an asterisk.

Each chapter/sub-chapters will include entries described as 'waste not otherwise specified' with '99' as the ending for the six figure code. There are certain rules for when '99' codes can be used.

Waste codes within the Rivenhall IWMF permit application

The Environmental Permit application includes a detailed list of waste codes proposed to be accepted at the facility. The waste codes applied for fall within Chapters 2, 15, 19 & 20.

There are no hazardous waste codes applied for within the application. Hence, for clarity, the application makes no provision for the acceptance of chemical or clinical waste streams.

There are no '99' codes applied for within the application.

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