

SOP: Waste and Scrap Material Management Processes

This SOP details the **waste and scrap material management processes**, including the identification, segregation, collection, storage, transportation, and disposal of waste and scrap materials. It ensures compliance with environmental regulations, minimizes environmental impact, promotes recycling and reuse, and maintains workplace safety and cleanliness. The objective is to manage waste efficiently while reducing risks associated with improper handling and disposal.

1. Purpose

To establish a systematic approach for managing waste and scrap materials to ensure environmental compliance, workplace safety, and operational efficiency.

2. Scope

This SOP applies to all employees, contractors, and third-party service providers involved in the handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of waste and scrap materials at [Facility/Location].

3. Responsibilities

- **Employees:** Identify, segregate, and dispose of waste as per guidelines.
- **Supervisors:** Monitor compliance and report any deviations.
- **Waste Management Team:** Maintain storage areas and coordinate waste collection, transportation, and disposal.
- **Environmental Health & Safety (EHS):** Conduct audits and ensure regulatory compliance.

4. Definitions

| Term | Definition |
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| Waste | Unwanted or unusable materials resulting from production or operational processes. |
| Scrap Material | Reusable or recyclable residual material generated during manufacturing or other processes. |
| Hazardous Waste | Waste that poses significant risk to health, safety, or the environment. |
| Non-Hazardous Waste | General waste that does not pose significant health or environmental risks. |

5. Procedure

- 1. Identification**
All types of waste and scrap materials must be clearly identified and labeled at the point of generation.
- 2. Segregation**
Waste must be segregated at source into:
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Non-Hazardous Waste
 - Scrap Materials (e.g., metals, plastics, paper)
 - Recyclables
- 3. Collection**
Place waste and scrap materials into designated, labeled containers. Ensure containers are not overloaded and comply with safety standards.
- 4. Storage**
Store collected waste in appropriate, secure, and clearly labeled storage areas. Hazardous waste must be stored in compliance with regulatory standards.
- 5. Transportation**
Authorized personnel must transport waste and scrap materials to disposal or recycling areas using suitable equipment, ensuring no leaks or spills occur.
- 6. Disposal**

Dispose of waste through approved vendors and in compliance with local, national, and international regulations. Maintain records of waste disposals and recycling.

7. **Documentation**

Maintain logs for all waste types, quantities, disposal methods, and vendors.

6. **Safety and Environmental Considerations**

- Use appropriate PPE when handling waste materials.
- Report any spills, leaks, or incidents immediately to supervisors.
- Ensure fire safety measures are in place in storage areas.
- Follow all relevant environmental regulations and company policies.

7. **Training**

- All relevant personnel must be trained in waste handling procedures and the use of PPE.
- Training records must be maintained by the EHS department.

8. **Records and Documentation**

- Waste logs
- Disposal certificates
- Training records
- Incident reports

9. **References**

- Applicable national/local environmental laws and regulations
- Company EHS policy

10. **Revision History**

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