New Solvent-Contaminated Wipe Guidance for Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently issued a Technical Guidance Document which describes a new option for how solvent-contaminated wipes can be managed in Kansas.

Under the new rule, reusable and disposal wipes are excluded from regulation under RCRA Subtitle C if certain handling, disposal, recordkeeping and container management conditions are met.

Solvent wipes are any wipe contaminated with one or more solvents on the F001 through F005 list or the corresponding P or U listed solvents, or that only exhibit the characteristic of ignitability when contaminated with one or more of the non-listed solvents.

Wipes ***not*** eligible for the exclusion are:

* Wipes that contain a listed hazardous waste other than solvents;
* Wipes that exhibit the characteristic of toxicity, corrosivity, or reactivity due to non-listed solvents or contaminants other than solvents; and,
* Disposable wipes that are hazardous waste due to the presence of trichloroethylene.

Reusable wipes must go to a laundry or dry cleaner whose discharge is regulated by the Clean Water Act. Disposable wipes must go to a special municipal solid waste landfill or a special municipal waste combustor.

For a list of approved landfills which can accept disposable wipes, or for more information, read the Technical Guidance Document here.