

SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION:
IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING BURNING USED OIL

- If you generate used oil, and would like to transport or ship the used oil off site to be burned in a commercially available type “space heater,” you are required to make a determination if the used oil is “on or off specification” (40 CFR, Part 279.11). Generators may only have to make this determination once if the process generating the used oil does not change. See space heater definition below. **(“Off spec” used oil cannot be transported offsite to be burned in another facility’s space heater. (Violation of 40 CFR Parts 279.12, 279.23)**
- **Only tested and known “on spec” used oil is allowed to be burned in other space heaters.**
- **If you are a generator who tests and ships on-spec used oil to burn in a space heater, you are a used oil “marketer”, and are required to get an EPA identification number.** Alternately, the business with the space heater may pick up the used oil, test it, and become the marketer.
- If you would like to transport used oil in quantities greater than 55 gallons, you must obtain an EPA identification number, as a used oil “transporter.”
- If you have a commercially available type space heater, you can burn your own used oil (40 CFR Part 279.23) and can accept exempt household do it yourself (DIY) used oil from individuals and exempt farmer quantities averaging 25 gallons of used oil or less per month per calendar year. **DO NOT MIX THESE EXEMPT QUANTITIES WITH REGULATED AMOUNTS ACCEPTED FROM OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES BECAUSE:**
- If you accept used oil from small businesses (other generators), you are required to make the on/off specification determination, 40 CFR Part 279.11(possibly on each “batch”).....

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Require all generators to make the on/off specification determination themselves. You must obtain analysis results for each incoming shipment of used oil, and keep copies of each for three years.

- **NOTE:** Alternatively, if a contractor picks up your used oil and transports off site for recycling, you may have to make a hazardous waste determination on the used oil prior to shipment, particularly if the used oil has been mixed with hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents.

Space Heater definition- A commercially available type space heater MUST be used oil fired, and have a maximum capacity of not more than 0.5 million Btu per hour, and be vented to the outside air. If it cannot continuously burn on used oil alone, it is not acceptable for burning any type of used oil.

Unfortunately the used oil rules are very complex. If you have questions regarding used oil, or obtaining an EPA identification number, please contact the Idaho DEQ Regional or State Offices listed below.

Boise Regional Office – 373-0550
Coeur d’Alene Regional Office – 769-1422
Idaho Falls Regional Office – 528-2650

Lewiston Regional Office – 799-4370
Pocatello Regional Office – 236-6160
Twin Falls Regional Office – 736-2190
State Office – Boise – 373-0502