



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-560-07 Director's general authorization of alternative materials and testing methods.

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(A) Alternative materials.

(1) The director may authorize the acceptance of alternative materials not otherwise authorized in accordance with rules 3745-560-110, 3745-560-210, 3745-560-310 and 3745-560-410 of the Administrative Code. The authorization of alternative materials may identify the following:

(a) The authorized alternative material.

(b) The class of composting facility which may accept the alternative material for composting.

(c) Conditions of eligibility regarding acceptance of the alternative material.

(d) Operational conditions regarding use of the alternative material including but not limited to conditions for the alternative material that does not meet the eligibility criteria be processed or disposed of in a prescribed manner.

(e) For a class I, class II, or class III composting facility, additional quality standards or testing methods for the alternative material including but not limited to compost quality standards for specific uses in accordance with accepted agricultural and horticultural practices.

(2) The director may issue a general authorization of alternative materials without request if the following are determined:

(a) The use of the alternative material is technically feasible for composting at the identified class of composting facility utilizing an approved composting or treatment method.

(b) The acceptance of the alternative material is unlikely to cause violations of Chapter 3704., 3734., or 6111. of the Revised Code, this chapter, or any other applicable federal or state laws.



(c) The acceptance of the alternative material is unlikely to adversely affect public health, safety, or the environment.

(d) For a class IV composting facility, the material proposed as an alternative material for composting possesses properties consistent with class IV compost products.

(B) The director may issue a general authorization of alternative preparation and analytical methods for compost quality standards without request. The director shall not issue a general authorization of alternative preparation and analytical methods unless the director determines that the alternative method is scientifically based and will provide equivalent or improved test results.

(C) The director's general authorization to accept alternative materials and testing methods under this rule may allow for any composting facility classification that meets the established conditions of eligibility and follows the operational conditions established by the director to accept and compost the identified alternative material and to use the identified alternative testing methods.

(D) Notice of the issuance of a director's general authorization of alternative materials and testing methods will be posted on the Ohio EPA webpage. A list of issued director's general authorizations of alternative materials and testing methods will be maintained on the Ohio EPA webpage and be available upon request.