



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3745-570-222 Closure of an infectious waste treatment facility.

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(A) The owner or operator shall comply with this rule as follows:

(1) For an owner or operator that is excepted from obtaining a permit and license pursuant to this chapter and Chapter 3745-501 of the Administrative Code, paragraphs (C)(1), (C)(4), (C)(5), and (D) of this rule.

(2) For an owner or operator that is subject to the license requirements contained in Chapter 3745-501 of the Administrative Code, paragraphs (B) to (D) of this rule.

(3) For an owner or operator that maintains a solid waste license with an infectious waste notation in accordance with section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, paragraphs (B) to (D) of this rule for the infectious waste operations.

(B) Closure of an infectious waste treatment facility is mandatory when one or more of the following apply:

(1) The owner or operator declares in writing to Ohio EPA or the approved health district that the infectious waste treatment facility will permanently cease treating infectious waste.

(2) The infectious waste treatment facility ceases to treat infectious waste for a period of three hundred sixty-five days.

(3) The owner or operator physically removes the infectious waste treatment unit, unless the owner or operator has multiple infectious waste treatment units and still treats infectious waste with the remaining infectious waste treatment units.

(4) The issued infectious waste treatment facility license has expired and the owner or operator has not applied for a renewal license in accordance with Chapter 3745-501 of the Administrative Code.



(5) The issued infectious waste treatment facility license has expired and another license has been applied for and denied as a final action of the licensing authority.

(6) The issued infectious waste treatment facility license has been revoked as a final action of the licensing authority.

(C) The owner or operator shall perform closure as follows:

(1) For an owner or operator described in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule, comply paragraph (D) of rule 3745-570-125 of the Administrative Code.

(2) If closure is triggered in accordance with paragraph (B)(1), (B)(2), or (B)(3) of this rule, submit a written notice by certified mail or any other form of mail accompanied by a receipt not later than thirty days prior to the date the facility will cease infectious waste treatment to the following:

(a) The appropriate Ohio EPA district office.

(b) The approved health district.

(c) All generators and transporters who have used the infectious waste treatment facility in the past six months.

(3) If closure is triggered in accordance with paragraphs (B)(4), (B)(5), or (B)(6) of this rule, send written notice by certified mail or any other form of mail accompanied by a receipt not later than seven days after the final action to all generators and transporters who have used the facility in the past six months.

(4) Not later than fourteen days after the facility has ceased to accept infectious waste, remove all untreated infectious wastes from the facility and transport the infectious waste to a treatment facility that is in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

(5) Not later than thirty days after the facility has ceased to accept infectious waste, thoroughly clean



the infectious waste treatment facility by completing at a minimum the following:

- (a) Washing all areas of the facility including but not limited to containers, equipment, machines, floors, and facility surfaces that were in contact with untreated infectious wastes at any time during the operation of the facility using one of the following disinfectants:
  - (i) An unexpired tuberculocidal hospital disinfectant registered with the United States environmental protection agency, for a contact time specified by the manufacturer.
  - (ii) A minimum ten per cent sodium/potassium hypochlorite solution prepared immediately prior to use for a minimum contact time of thirty minutes.
- (b) Remove and properly dispose of any quench pit or water tank residue and liquids remaining at the facility.
- (c) Submit the most recent facility management plan to Ohio EPA.
- (d) Post signs, in a manner as to be easily visible at all access points into the infectious waste treatment facility, stating in letters not less than three inches high that the infectious waste treatment facility is closed and ensure that the signs are maintained in legible condition for not less than six months and read as follows:

"This facility is closed for all infectious waste treatment activities."
- (D) Not later than thirty days after completing closure in accordance with this rule and before the closed infectious waste treatment facility may be converted to other uses, the owner or operator shall submit written certification that includes a statement and signature in accordance with rule 3745-500-50 of the Administrative Code, stating the infectious waste treatment facility has been closed in accordance with this rule to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office and to the approved health district.
- (E) Closure of the infectious waste treatment facility shall be deemed complete when the owner or operator receives written concurrence with the closure certification from Ohio EPA.