

Tetrachlorethylene (Use in Dry Cleaning and Reporting Requirements) Regulations



Checklist for Dry Cleaners Using Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)

- Containers, tanks or dry-cleaning machines containing PERC, waste water or residue* are stored within a secondary containment system that**
 - is impermeable to PERC;
 - holds a volume equal to 110% of the largest tank or storage container; and
 - covers at least the entire surface under each dry-cleaning machine, tank or other container [section 5(f)(i)].

*Residue means any solid, liquid or sludge waste containing PERC (e.g., lint, muck/sludge, filters, still bottoms).

- PERC, waste water and residue are stored in closed containers (containers must have lids on them) [section 4].**

- PERC-resistant drain plugs are readily available to seal all floor drains in case of a spill [section 5(f)(ii)].**

- Waste water (if not treated on site) and residue is transported at least once every 12 months to a waste management facility.**
 - All the waste water and residue that are within the dry-cleaning facility shall be transported [sections 8(1)(a) and 9(1)].
 - If waste water is treated on site, the waste water treatment system should have the required equipment [section 8(1)(b)].

- Dry-cleaning machines use the same drum for the washing, extraction, drying and aeration cycles [section 5(a)].**





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- Dry-cleaning machines are equipped with an integral refrigerated condenser** [section 5(b)].
- Dry-cleaning machines do not vent to the atmosphere during the washing, extraction, drying and aeration cycles** [section 5(c)].
- Dry-cleaning machines have an integral PERC-water separator** [section 5(d)].
- Dry-cleaning machines use a closed direct-coupled delivery system for PERC delivery** [section 10].
- Spotting agents that contain PERC are not used** [section 3].
- Submit Annual Report for Dry Cleaners by April 30th each year** [section 14(b)].
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