






**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT  
HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION**

**Hazard Indication Guide for Labeling Hazardous Waste Containers**

The federal Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule (HWGIR), which became effective in North Carolina on March 1, 2018, includes several new requirements, one of which is hazardous waste containers must now be marked or labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste" and an indication of the hazards of the contents of the container. This requirement applies to hazardous waste containers within all Satellite Accumulation Areas (40 CFR 262.15(a)(5)), Small Quantity Generator Central Accumulation Areas (40 CFR 262.16(b)(6)(i)), and Large Quantity Generator Central Accumulation Areas (40 CFR 262.17(a)(5)(i)).

**Methods to indicate the hazards of the contents of a container include, but are not limited to the following**

<p>The applicable hazardous waste characteristic(s) marked on the container or on a label on the container</p>	<p><b>Ignitable, Corrosive, Reactive, Toxic</b></p>
<p>Department of Transportation labels or placards at 49 CFR part 172 subpart E</p>	
<p>Hazard statement or pictogram consistent with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard at 29 CFR 1910.1200</p>	
<p>Chemical hazard label consistent with the National Fire Protection Association code 704.</p>	

Each applicable hazard must be marked or labeled on each hazardous waste container. Listed hazardous wastes may be listed due to one or more of the characteristics of hazardous waste, and therefore hazard indication requirements also apply to listed wastes. As an example, the F005 waste code is a listed waste due to ignitability and toxicity, and therefore both ignitability and toxicity hazards are required to be marked or labeled on the container. Listed hazardous wastes and their applicable hazards can be found at [40 CFR 261.30 through 261.33](#).