

Use of Air Curtain Incinerator for Waste Other than Wood

State of Florida

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SUBJECT: Use of Incinerators and Fossil Fuel Fired Boilers to Dispose of Confiscated Drugs
by Law Enforcement Agencies

Although the Department prefers the use of medical waste incinerators to dispose of confiscated drugs, the use of air curtain incinerators or fossil fuel fired boilers to dispose of the above subject materials is acceptable in accordance with Chapter 17, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), that allows disposal of herbaceous material.

As you are already aware, substantial quantities of illegal drugs are routinely confiscated by law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The value and nature of the materials dictate a readily available and conclusive method of disposal. In areas where medical waste incinerators are not readily available, the Division feels that air curtain incineration or the use of fossil fuel fired boilers for the disposal of these materials will provide a practical solution and not result in harm to the environment or the public health.

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