

## **Management of Gasoline Fuel Filters**

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If the gasoline entrapped within a used fuel filter is to be disposed of, it is then solid waste and could (probably would) test out as hazardous for, at least, ignitability and benzene. If the gasoline entrapped within a used fuel filter is destined for recycling as a commercial chemical fuel (e.g. mixed with used oil) by burning for energy recovery, it is not discarded and is not, therefore, a hazardous waste, according to Federal Register, Vol. 50, No. 230, November 29, 1985, p. 49179.

The metal and paper portions of the fuel filter casing could qualify for the scrap metal recycling exemption found in Chapter 40, Part 261.6 (a) (3) (iii).

Used fuel filters destined for recycling would be exempted from the manifesting and permitting requirements of the hazardous waste management regulations.

Generators of used fuel filters should drain them of all free flowing liquid prior to shipping. Due to the low flash point of gasoline, the generator should store them safely, allowing for the venting of any pressure build-up, and protecting the storage area from the possibility of sparks.