



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air and Waste - Solid Waste Management
Permits for Solid Waste Facility Third-Party Inspector

SW 48 Third-Party Inspector Qualification Statement Instructions & Supporting Information

1. What is the Purpose of this application?

Only third-party Inspectors listed by MassDEP may perform third-party inspections of solid waste management facilities. To be listed, a third-party inspector must register with MassDEP by filing a statement of their qualifications. MassDEP will review an applicant's Qualifications Statement to determine if the applicant meets the regulatory requirements to perform a third-party inspection. Applicants determined by MassDEP to be qualified will be listed on MassDEP's website as a third-party inspector.

Legislative authority for this permit is stated in MGL c. 21A, ss. 2 and 8, c. 111, s. 150A and the Acts of 1987 c. 584. Regulations promulgated pursuant to these laws are codified in 310 CMR 19.000, Solid Waste Management Regulations.

2. Who Must Apply?

Any individual intending to perform third party inspections of a solid waste management facility pursuant to 310 CMR 19.018 must submit a Qualifications Statement in accordance with 310 CMR 19.018(5)(c). In the Qualification Statement a third-party inspector must demonstrate they have the required education, experience and training, as applicable, necessary to be listed as a third-party inspector.

MassDEP will review an applicant's Qualifications Statement to determine if the applicant meets the regulatory requirements to perform a third-party inspection. Applicants determined by MassDEP to be qualified will be sent an approval letter with a card that they can carry to show proof of credential.

3. What other requirements should be considered before applying for this permit?

A third-party inspector must demonstrate they have the required education, experience and training, as applicable, necessary to be listed as a third-party inspector.

There are three types of Third Party Inspectors: SW Operation & Maintenance, SW Waste Ban and SW Operation & Maintenance with Asbestos Inspector credentials. An individual can apply for one, two or all three types provided they meet the criteria for each type. The criteria are defined in 310 CMR 19.018.

Note on the MassDEP waste ban training requirement: To be listed as an individual qualified to be a third-party inspector for waste ban inspections, you must have taken the required MassDEP training. See <https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans> to learn more about upcoming MassDEP training opportunities. Please note that you may not conduct third-party waste ban inspections until you complete the required training.

4. Creating an ePlace account and submitting the application

You will need to create an account to access the form. Screen by screen instruction for completing the form is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/online-filing-screen-by-screen-third-party-inspector-application/download>

The fees and associated timeline for review and approval is available on the MassDEP Website:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdep-fees-timelines>



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After Submittal

If you log into ePLACE and click on the “My Records” button, you will be able to view the status of your application through the review and approval process.

After Approval Amending/Modifying your approval

Upon Approval you will be issued an approval letter with a wallet card that you can carry to show that you are certified as a SW Third party Inspector.

If after approval, you wish to update contact information associated with your approval, you have the opportunity to apply to amend your approval.

To Amend, please follow the Screen by screen instructions for amending your permit is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/online-filing-screen-by-screen-third-party-inspector-amendment/download>

Renewal

In accordance with 19.018(5)(a)2, a third-party inspector must renew their permit every two (2) years to be listed as a third-party inspector. 60 days before it is time to renew your application, you will be sent a notice reminding you of your renewal deadline.

To renew, please follow Screen by screen instructions for completing the renewal is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/online-filing-screen-by-screen-third-party-inspector-renewal/download>

For Regulatory Information

Regulations associated with this authorization include, but are not limited to:
Solid Waste Management Regulations, 310 CMR 19.000.

These may be purchased at:

State Bookstore (in State House)
Room 116
Boston, MA 02133
617-727-2834

State Bookstore
436 Dwight Street, Room 102
Springfield, MA 01103
413-784-1376

Unofficial copies of the above regulations are available on MassDEP’s website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/waste-recycling-laws-rules#state-regulations-&-standards->

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