



RHODE ISLAND AUTO SALVAGE YARD FACILITIES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ***What is the Auto Salvage Yard Facilities Certification Program?*** This program offers auto salvage yard facility operators the opportunity to self-certify to DEM that they are complying with certain environmental regulations and best management practices that pertain to operation of an auto salvage yard facility.
2. ***What regulations or requirements pertaining to auto salvage yard facility operations does the program apply to?*** It applies to multiple areas of concern, including air pollution control, freon/refrigerant recovery, antifreeze management, lead acid batteries, fuel management, auto mercury switches, waste tires, used oil, waste water discharge, stormwater management, hazardous waste, and other fluid management.
3. ***What types of facilities are eligible to participate in the Auto Salvage Yard Facilities Certification Program?*** All facilities that are licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation as an Auto Wrecking and Salvage Yard are eligible to participate in the Certification Program.
4. ***Is participation in the program required of all auto salvage yard facilities?*** No, participation in the program is voluntary, but there are good reasons for a facility to participate and take advantage of the educational and compliance assistance incentives.
5. ***What are some of those reasons?*** The benefits of participation in the program are many, and include:
 - Preparation for a random regulatory inspection of work being performed
 - Information and education on methods of complying with environmental regulations that apply to operating auto salvage yard facilities
 - Free technical assistance from DEM's Office of Technical & Customer Assistance and the University of Rhode Island Center for Pollution Prevention & Environmental Health to comply with environmental regulations and best management practices
 - Being placed on a public list of certified auto salvage yard facilities on DEM's website
 - Receiving a Certificate of Participation from DEM
 - Using your DEM Certification as a marketing tool with customers
 - Receiving educational and promotional materials

6. ***Are there other requirements applicable to auto salvage yard facility activities that are not covered by the program?*** There may be other Federal, State, or local requirements that apply that are not covered by this program, such as OSHA requirements, licensing requirements by the Department of Business Regulation, and local ordinances afforded to municipalities under Rhode Island law, primarily relating to the issuance and revocation of local licenses.
7. ***Does non-participation in the program absolve an auto salvage yard facility from compliance with these regulations or requirements?*** No, all auto salvage yard facilities in the State of Rhode Island must comply with all applicable environmental regulations and other requirements, whether or not they self-certify.
8. ***Are auto salvage yard facilities required to be licensed by the State of Rhode Island?*** All facilities involved in auto wrecking or salvage yard operations must be licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation. Information about auto wrecking and salvage yard operations requirements and the list of licensees can be found at <http://www.dbr.ri.gov/divisions/commlicensing/autowrecking.php>.
9. ***Where can someone get more information about the Auto Salvage Yard Facilities Certification Program?*** You can get more information from DEM's website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/assist/asy/index.htm>. This page includes links to download the Certification Workbook and the Certification Checklist Package, links to applicable regulations, and other helpful information and resources.
10. ***How can someone reach DEM to discuss the program, or find out how to sign up to participate?*** Call DEM at (401) 222-6822, Ext. 4412.

