

What does no exposure mean?

No exposure means all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products.

What is a storm resistant shelter?

A storm resistant shelter includes completely roofed and walled buildings or structures, and structures with only a top cover and no side cover provided any material under the structure is not subject to run on or run off of stormwater.

I have an above ground storage tank (AST), can I be considered for no exposure?

For ASTs to be considered for no exposure, They must have secondary containment (e.g. double walled or retaining structure). They must be physically separated and not associated with vehicle maintenance. There must be no piping, pumps, or other equipment leaking contaminants that could contact stormwater. Transfer valves to dispense materials must be stored in secondary containment.

Do I have to have lidded dumpsters?

For no exposure, dumpsters containing waste materials must be lidded. The lids must completely cover the container and nothing can drain out holes in the bottom. Alternately, the dumpsters may be unlidded if stored in a storm resistant shelter.

Can Secondary containment outside qualify for the no exposure exclusion?

In general, no exposure can be claimed if secondary containment is adequately engineered to prevent any failure, leakage, or overflow such that there would simply be no discharge from that area of the facility. There must be proper disposal of any water or liquids collected from the containment.

Can racks and other transport platforms (e.g. wood pallets) be stored outside?

For no exposure, these may be stored outside provided they are pollutant free and in good condition.

If I have deposits from roof stacks or vents, can I qualify for no exposure?

Deposits of particles or residuals from roof stacks/vents that have the potential to be mobilized by stormwater runoff are considered exposed. If the particles or residuals are outside of containment systems then you cannot qualify for no exposure.

Can I store 55-gallon drums outside?

To qualify for no exposure, drums and similar containers that are tightly sealed, provided those containers are not deteriorated and do not leak, may be stored outside. Sealed means banded or otherwise secured and without operational taps or valves. The drums or similar containers can only be stored outside and any addition or withdrawal of material to or from containers while outdoors will not allow you to certify no exposure. For drums or similar containers containing liquids they must have secondary containment. For drums or similar containers containing other materials, they must be stored off of the ground (e.g. on a pallet or rack).

Do my scrap metal containers have to be covered?

For no exposure, scrap metal containers containing scrap metal that has come in contact with lubricants or other process materials must be lidded. The lids must completely cover the container and nothing can drain out holes in the bottom. Alternately, the container may be unlidded if stored in a storm resistant shelter.