

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Changes to permission requirements for waste transportation systems

On August 1st, 2025, additional waste transportation systems will be subject to self-registration in the online Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) instead of requiring an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

How are requirements changing?

Additional Waste Types

Waste transportation systems that collect, handle, transport, or transfer **EASR waste**, as defined in the [Ontario Regulation 119/25](#) (O. Reg. 119/25) must register in the EASR. Examples of EASR waste and non-EASR waste are provided in the following table.

EASR Waste	non-EASR waste
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-hazardous waste (municipal waste such as hauled sewage, leaf/yard waste, etc.) • Asbestos waste (*new) • Liquid industrial waste (*new) • Hazardous waste (excluding PCB, pathological and radioactive waste) (*new) <p>Note: The O. Reg. 119/25 specifies prescribed activities that are permitted/not permitted as part of the system registration. For example, under a registration, different types of waste (such as non-hazardous waste and asbestos waste) must be managed separately.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical or treated biomedical waste • Pathological waste • PCB waste • Radioactive waste • Any waste that is mixed, blended, bulked or otherwise intermingled with asbestos <p>Note: A waste management system that manages non-EASR waste continues to require an ECA for the component of the system that manages non-EASR waste.</p>

Temporary In-Vehicle Storage

Temporary in-vehicle storage activities are now permitted under certain conditions:

- temporary, in-vehicle storage of EASR waste (other than hauled sewage) destined for out of province, in accordance with [Section 12 of O. Reg. 119/25](#).

- temporary, in-vehicle storage of hauled sewage, in accordance with [Section 13 of O. Reg. 119/25](#).

New Activity Requirements

New activity requirements have been introduced, requiring waste transportation systems to follow industry best practices, such as:

- re-training drivers every 36 months
- developing and implementing a spill prevention and contingency plan
- complying with certain waste transportation vehicle operating, maintenance, and cleaning requirements
- implementing additional record keeping requirements, such as cleaning and inspection records

For more details, please refer to [Sections 8 – 11 of O. Reg. 119/25](#).

How does this impact me?

Existing registrants

You can continue to operate under your existing waste transportation system registration at this time; however, within one year (by August 1, 2026) you must:

- update your existing registration by completing the new registration form in the EASR, and
- implement and comply with the new activity requirements.

Note: If you would like to begin transporting an additional EASR waste type prior to August 1, 2026, you are required to update your registration and comply with the new activity requirements at that time.

Existing ECA holders

You can continue to operate under your existing ECA at this time; however, within three years (by August 1, 2028) you must register in the EASR **if** your waste transportation system is subject to registration under [O. Reg. 119/25](#).

Note: If you apply for an amendment to your waste transportation system ECA prior to August 1, 2028, and your system is subject to registration under the [O. Reg. 119/25](#), then the ministry will notify you that you must register your activity in the EASR, at that time.

One or more permissions for your waste transportation system

There are certain scenarios where you may need both an EASR registration **and** an ECA. For example, if you also collect, handle, transport or transfer **non-EASR waste** as part of the waste transportation system, you will require an ECA to govern that specific component of your system.

Please refer to [O. Reg. 119/25](#) for details, or contact us if you have questions.

How can I register in the EASR?

To register in the online EASR, you will need to sign-in through your My Ontario Account to [access environmental permissions online services](#).

Learn more about [how to set up and manage an account to access environmental permissions online services](#)

Where can I get more Information?

For more details, visit [O. Reg. 119/25](#), or the [decision notice](#). For more information on EASRs, visit the ministry's [EASR homepage](#).

The ministry is working on updating the guidance related to waste transportation EASR registrations.

If you have further questions, contact the Client Services and Permissions Branch:

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