

RQP CLARIFICATIONS

Through the Recycler Qualification Program (RQP) audit process several elements of the Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS) were identified that were deemed to require additional clarification, in order to better align the requirements with current industry practices as well as the requirements of the other recognized electronics recycling standards.

The below clarifications are intended to maximize the efficiency of the downstream recycler approval process, while also ensuring that the focus of the audits is commensurate with the potential risk associated with the different categories of recyclers.

The following ERS clarifications will be in effect as of July 1, 2013:

1. Primary recyclers will continue to be required to assess all downstream recyclers, however, downstreams of non-hazardous materials may be subject to a streamlined approval for use, where suitable evidence of necessary permits, insurance, worker's compensation, and any other pertinent processes is provided, and where no other potential nonconformances are identified.
2. Downstream recyclers of any Substances of Concern are required to possess a minimum of \$1M in Liability Insurance; all other downstream recyclers are required to possess a minimum of \$500K.
3. All downstream recyclers are required to maintain a detailed closure plan; in addition, downstream recyclers of any Substances of Concern are required to maintain evidence of sufficient financial assurance coverage.
4. All downstream recyclers are required to provide notification within 30 days, of any reportable incidents directly related to electronics processing, and/or that may affect the ability to receive or process material.

For any questions regarding the ERS or the above listed clarifications, please contact the Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) at info@rqp.ca.