



## “Expanded Used Oil Program”

Did you know that Midwest Environmental Services, Inc. has increased the capabilities of our used oil program. We have updated our processing capabilities and expanded our services to provide better recycling services for used oil and oil/water mixtures. Used oil that is not managed safely can pose a threat to humans and the environment. Improperly disposing of used oil can also lead to contamination of drinking water, surface water, ground water and soil.

This year, Midwest will convert over one million gallons of waste oil and oil/water mixtures into a source of fuel for industrial furnaces. Midwest Environmental Services, Inc. provides a complete service including pickup, transport and recycle of used oil and oil/water mixtures for generators. Also keep in mind that upon removal of the liquid from the storage vessel, Midwest provides cleaning services of oil water separators and storage tanks to remove solid residue.

Used oil is defined as petroleum-based or synthetic oils that are used and contaminated with physical and chemical impurities. To determine whether your material meets the definition of used oil, the following three criteria must be met:

- 1) Origin - The material must come from either refined crude oil or from synthetic materials including materials derived from coal, shale or polymer-based starting material.
- 2) Use - The material must be used as a lubricant, hydraulic fluid, heat transfer fluid (coolant), cutting fluid, buoyant, or for some other similar purpose. Materials that have not been used, such as bottoms from a virgin oil tank clean-out or a virgin oil spill, are not considered used oil. Other materials that are not considered used oil include petroleum products used for cleaning (solvents) and other petroleum-derived products such as antifreeze and kerosene.
- 3) Contaminants - the material must be contaminated during its use with either physical or chemical impurities. Examples of contaminants could include dirt, metal shavings, solvents or halogens.

Midwest's used oil program and our increased capabilities allow you the peace of mind that your used oil is being handled in an environmentally responsible manner. For more information on our used oil program or how Midwest Environmental Services, Inc. can help manage either your used oil or cleaning of the storage vessel, please contact your sales representative or customer service at 812-358-5160.

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