

65-3437. Same; application for permits, contents; duties of secretary. (a) No person shall construct, modify or operate a hazardous waste facility or otherwise dispose of hazardous waste within this state without a permit from the secretary.

(b) The application for a permit shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the location of the proposed facility and other information considered necessary by the secretary, including proof of financial capability.

(c) Before reviewing any application for permit, the secretary shall conduct a background investigation of the applicant. The secretary shall consider the financial, technical and management capabilities of the applicant as conditions for issuance of a permit. The secretary may reject the application without conducting an investigation into the merits of the application if the secretary finds that:

(1) The applicant currently holds, or in the past has held, a permit under this section and that while the applicant held a permit under this section the applicant violated a provision of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 65-3441, and amendments thereto; or

(2) the applicant previously held a permit under this section and that permit was revoked by the secretary; or

(3) the applicant failed or continues to fail to comply with any of the provisions of the air, water or waste statutes, including rules and regulations issued thereunder, relating to environmental protection or to the protection of public health in this or any other state or the federal government of the United States, or any condition of any permit or license issued by the secretary; or if the secretary finds that the applicant has shown a lack of ability or intention to comply with any provision of any law referred to in this subsection or any rule or regulation or order or permit issued pursuant to any such law as indicated by past or continuing violations.

In case of a corporate applicant, the secretary may deny the issuance of a permit if the secretary finds that the applicant or any person who holds an interest in, or exercises total or partial control of or does business with the applicant or a principal of the corporation was a principal of another corporation which would not be eligible to receive a permit because of the provisions of this act.

(d) Upon receipt of a permit application meeting the requirements of this section, the secretary or an authorized representative of the secretary shall inspect the location of the proposed facility and determine if the same complies with this act and the rules and regulations promulgated under this act. An inspection report shall be filed in writing by the secretary before issuing a permit and shall be made available for public review.

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