

# Permanent Administrative Regulations Article 74



## Risk Management Program

**28-74-1. Definitions.** For purposes of this article, each of the following terms shall have the meaning specified in this regulation: (a) “Acceptance” means that an application for the risk management program has been approved by the secretary and a risk management plan agreement has been signed by the secretary.

(b) “Department” means Kansas department of health and environment.

(c) “Environmental contamination” has the meaning specified in K.A.R. 28-73-1(d).

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176; effective May13, 2016.)

**28-74-2. Application.** (a) Each prospective participant shall submit a completed application to the secretary on a form provided by the department. Each application shall include the following information:

(1) A map identifying the location of the site and the area within the site to which the risk management plan applies;

(2) a map identifying all parcels within the site to which the risk management plan applies including ownership of each parcel;

(3) documentation that the applicant provided written notification to all property owners and occupants within the site to which the risk management plan applies and proof that those property owners and occupants received the notification; and

(4) a draft risk management plan for review and consideration for approval.

(b) If an application is determined to be incomplete by the secretary, written notification shall be provided to the applicant identifying the documentation, data, or other information that is needed to complete the application. The applicant may then submit the required information or withdraw the application. The application shall be considered void if a complete response has not been received from the applicant within

60 calendar days from the date of the written request for additional information from the department. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176; effective May 13, 2016.)

**28-74-3. Risk management plan.** (a) Each risk management plan shall include the following:

(1) Demonstration that all of the following conditions have been met:

(A) The extent of the environmental contamination has been determined;

(B) the source reduction has been completed, if necessary;

(C) the contaminant concentration trends are not dependent on the continued operation and maintenance of active remediation systems;

(D) the associated groundwater contaminant plume is stable or shrinking, if applicable;

(E) imminent future exposure is not likely; and

(F) all current complete exposure pathways have been addressed;

(2) any site-specific requirements for monitoring, inspection, or maintenance;

(3) a process for completing routine verification of and notices to property owners and occupants;

(4) a description of the specific terms and conditions that shall be in effect for the duration of the risk management plan; and

(5) a process for redefining the area within the site to which the risk management plan applies.

(b) Upon review of each draft risk management plan, a notification shall be issued to the applicant either approving the draft risk management plan or noting deficiencies in the

draft risk management plan and describing the modifications necessary to address the deficiencies. The applicant may then submit a revised draft risk management plan for the secretary's approval.

(c) If the secretary and the applicant are unable to agree on an appropriate risk management plan, notification that the application is void shall be provided by the department to the applicant. An invoice for the costs incurred by the department to process the application package and review the draft risk management plan shall be included in the notification.

(d) Each risk management plan shall be implemented upon the effective date of the risk management plan agreement. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176; effective May 13, 2016.)

**28-74-4. Risk management plan agreement.** (a) Pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176 and amendments thereto, a risk management plan agreement shall be required for each site.

(b) Upon approval of a risk management plan, a risk management plan agreement shall be issued by the secretary and shall include the following information:

- (1) A description of site conditions and specifications of any monitoring, inspection, or maintenance requirements proposed by the participant and approved by the secretary;
- (2) a description of the area within the site to which the risk management plan applies;
- (3) authorization for agents of the department to have access to the site as necessary to monitor and inspect all risk management plan activities, as required by the act;

(4) identification of the one-time payment to reimburse the department for all direct and indirect costs incurred by the department in implementing and administering the risk management plan required by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176, and amendments thereto;

(5) a description of the specific terms and conditions that shall be applied as part of the risk management plan for the area within the site to which the risk management plan applies; and

(6) a description of the enforcement provisions authorized by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-34,176, and amendments thereto.

(c) The risk management plan agreement shall be effective with the signature of the secretary.

(d) Any participant may request a transfer of the obligations specified in the risk management plan agreement to another person. The following requirements for each transfer shall be met:

(1) Each participant requesting a transfer shall provide written notice to the department indicating that both the participant and the transferee agree to the transfer.

(2) A review of site conditions and consideration of the transferee's capacity to implement the risk management plan shall be factors in the secretary's determination of approving the transfer.

(3) The automatic transfer of risk management plan agreement obligations shall be prohibited. The participant and the transferee shall comply with the risk management plan agreement until an amendment conveying the responsibilities from the participant to the transferee has been executed.

(e) A long-term care agreement as required by K.S.A. 65-1,226, and amendments thereto, may replace a risk management plan agreement for a site where environmental use controls are established in conjunction with a risk management plan if the long-term care agreement meets the requirements of the risk management plan.

(f) If site conditions change or new information that could warrant additional action becomes available, a risk management plan agreement shall not absolve any party of environmental liability associated with the site under state and federal law. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A 2015 Supp. 65-34,176; effective May 13, 2016.)