General inspection requirements.

(A) The owner or operator must inspect the facility for malfunctions and deterioration, operator errors, and discharges which may be causing or may lead to either:

1. Release of hazardous waste constituents to the environment;

2. A threat to human health. The owner or operator must conduct these inspections with such regularity as to be able to identify problems in time to correct them before such problems harm human health or the environment.

(B) Inspection schedule.

1. The owner or operator must develop and follow a written schedule for inspecting monitoring equipment, safety and emergency equipment, security devices, and operating and structural equipment (such as dikes and sump pumps) that are important to preventing, detecting, or responding to environmental or human health hazards.

2. He must keep this schedule at the facility.

3. The schedule must identify the types of problems (e.g., malfunctions or deterioration) which are to be looked for during the inspection (e.g., inoperative sump pump, leaking fitting, eroding dike, and other such problems).

4. The frequency of inspection may vary for the items on the schedule. However, the frequency of inspection should be based on the rate of deterioration of the equipment and the probability of an environmental or human health incident if the deterioration, malfunction, or any operator error goes undetected between inspections. Areas subject to spills, such as loading and unloading areas, must be inspected daily when in use. At a minimum, the inspection schedule must include the terms and frequencies called for in rules 3745-55-74, 3745-55-93, 3745-55-95, 3745-56-26, 3745-56-54, 3745-56-78, 3745-57-05, 3745-57-47, and 3745-57-92 of the Administrative Code, where applicable.
[Comment: Rules 3745-50-40 to 3745-50-235 of the Administrative Code require the inspection schedule to be submitted with "Part B" of the permit application. Ohio EPA will evaluate the schedule along with the rest of the application to ensure that the inspection schedule is adequately protective of human health and the environment. As part of this review, Ohio EPA may modify or amend the schedule as may be necessary.]

(5) Reserved.

(C) The owner or operator must shall remedy any deterioration or malfunction of equipment or structures which the inspection reveals on a schedule which ensures that the problem does not lead to an environmental or human health hazard. Where a hazard is imminent or has already occurred, remedial action must shall be taken immediately.

(D) The owner or operator must shall record inspections in an inspection log or summary. He must The owner or operator shall keep these records for at least three years from after the date of inspection. At a minimum, these records must shall include the date and time of the inspection, the name of the inspector, a notation of the observations made, and the date and nature of any repairs or other remedial actions.