

## Orphan Drums

### What is an orphan drum?

- Small quantity of any size or shape container
- Abandoned at location other than generation point
- No identifiable owner

### What is not an orphan drum?

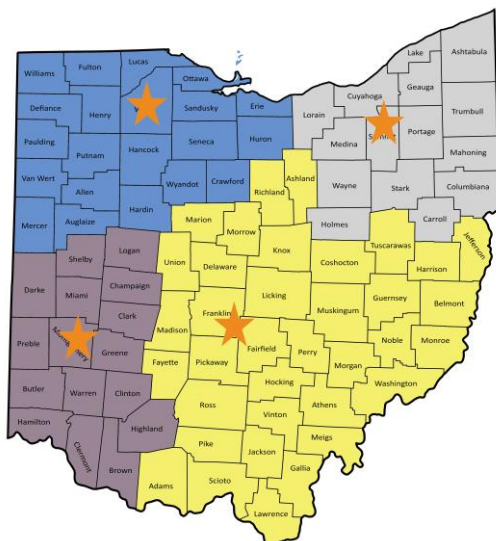
- Large quantity of containers
- Located at generation point
- Identifiable owner
- Property transfers/purchases

### What happens to the orphan drum?

- Drums are sampled.
- Contents are analyzed.
- Waste is characterized as hazardous or non-hazardous.
- Waste is handled in this order:
  - Reuse
  - Recycle
  - Use as fuel
  - Treat
  - Incinerate
- Case is investigated to determine who is responsible.
- Enforcement action is taken to prosecute dumpers.

### Contact

For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Response at (614) 836-8811 or an OSC in the appropriate ER Operations office.



**Spill Hotline**  
Report a spill, release or environmental emergency

800-282-9378

**Call the local fire department if the container(s) are leaking or are in a creek, river or lake. Then, call Ohio EPA's spill hotline.**

### If you witness a dumping

Try to get the following information:

- License plate number
- Description of vehicle
- Description of dumpers
- Time and place

### DO NOT

- Kick
- Move
- Open
- Touch
- Remove

### BECAUSE

- Drums may be under pressure.
- Contents may be shock sensitive, reactive or toxic.
- This is a crime scene — dumping is illegal.

### Northern Regional ER Operations

Northeast District Office  
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