Frequently Asked Questions

1. I would like someone to come on-site to do my training that has been approved in Florida.
   - Contact any of the course providers (see pages 1–3 of this document) Some providers do provide onsite training.

2. My last spotter quit, and I have an approved spotter course. Am I ok?
   - A trained solid waste operator can substitute as a trained spotter. See the FAC 62–701 Training Section for more clarification.

3. Can I train my own staff including Spotters?
   - Effective with the new rule, all in-house training for credit must be approved by the Solid Waste Management Training Committee. (See page 12 of this document).
   - Make sure you have permission to use the training material from the provider [most course material is copyrighted and the property of the provider].
   - In order for operators to add the training to the database record, the training must be listed on the FDEP Approved Solid Waste Operator Training database or be submitted and approved as a new course.

   Initial Training – In House
   - Initial training that requires an examination has to be done by an independent third party (see 62–701.320.15.a)

4. I now live in Vero Beach and previously was a landfill operator in Tennessee. I had 20 hours of training every year. Can I be added to your Solid Waste Operator Training Database?
   - Only those who have taken one of the approved initial training courses and exam will be entered in the database after he/she submit the necessary documentation. If you didn't attend one of these courses, then you should follow the new course submittal directions or take one of the approved initial training courses. (See page 11 of this document)
   - If you are submitting the SWANA MOLO certificate, they will be contacted for verification that you did take the course.
   - Note: SWANA allows operators who meet their qualifications to test out of taking the course and receive their certification. This does not meet Florida's criteria according to FAC 62-701.
   - If you have let your training period expire without having the minimum number of hours of continuing education hours, you must start over with taking an approved course and exam.

5. How do I become a Certified Operator in Florida?
   - What are the procedures for getting licensed in the State of Florida to be a landfill operator?
     - Currently, the State of Florida does not have a certification or licensure program for solid waste operators. If you complete the required initial training and receive the minimum continuing education contact hours per 3-year period, then you are considered a trained operator within the State of Florida and may be in compliance. See FAC 62–701.320(15)a

6. Where can I find a list of who offers approved solid waste training in the State of Florida?
   - At [http://landfill.treeo.ufl.edu](http://landfill.treeo.ufl.edu) or you may have a copy email/fax/mail to you: (352) 392–9570 ext 227 or [djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu](mailto:djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu)

7. My Training Record is incorrect. What do I need to do to have it corrected?
   - I need a copy of all my operators training records, Now!
     - Contact: Dawn Jenkins (352) 392–9570 ext 227 or [djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu](mailto:djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu)

   Review your Florida Solid Waste Operator and Spotter Training Transcript
   - No login needed - Check the expiration date and the training status (Current or Expired) for:
     - Individual:
       - Click on Participants
       - Type in last name and hit enter
       - Click on the track to see transcript
     - Facility:
       - Click on Participants
       - Use the drop down list and enter company name
       - Type in company name and hit enter
       - Click on the track to see transcript
     - Facility Report:
       - Click on Reports
       - Type in the company name
       - Click on Run Report

   If any information is incorrect/missing or if someone is no longer at the facility, please send a notice to: [djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu](mailto:djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu).

8. I have lost my certificate. How do I get another one?
   - The business I was working at closed and I am now working at another facility. I was not able to get any of my original training certificates from the previous employer. How do I get a copy of my certificates?
     - Contact the course provider.

9. I would like to train my own receive mail from UF TREEO for people who no longer work at this facility. How do I get the mailed stopped?
   - Send the names or address corrections to UF TREEO: fax (352) 392–6910 / [djenkins@ufl.edu](mailto:djenkins@ufl.edu) or (352) 392–9570 ext 227

10. I have a question about something I read in this document.
     - Contact: Dawn Jenkins at UF TREEO, djenkins@treeo.ufl.edu or (352) 392–9570 ext 227