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TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) _ The Kansas Department of Health and Environment today fined a Wichita company for violating laws regulating the storage of hazardous waste.

Reid Supply Co., an industrial chemical supply and recycling facility, is being fined $7,000.

According to KDHE, an April inspection by the department and the federal Environmental Protection Agency found 1,300 drums of hazardous waste stored at the facility. The site is designed to hold 500 drums.

"Additionally, drums containing hazardous wastes were stored in deteriorated condition," a KDHE statement said. "Some drums were in leaking at the time of the inspection or had leaked prior to the inspection.

"Hazardous waste drums were not stored with adequate space to provide for the inspection of each drum and were stored in an unsafe manner. Hazardous wastes which are incompatible were found to be stored adjacent to each other."

The department also said adequate security was not provided for all the drums, and some were stored outside covered and fenced storage areas.

In addition to the fine, Allan Abramson, KDHE director of environment, ordered the company to correct all violations. Unsafe conditions must be eliminated by July 1, including the removal of all damaged and leaking drums. By July 15, the number of drums in storage must be reduced to no more than 500.

The department said officials of the facility have met with KDHE staff and expressed their desire to work cooperatively to correct all violations.

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