

5.7.3 Inspections

An *initial inspection* of the floating membrane cover and its closure devices is preformed on or before the date that the surface impoundment becomes subject to Subpart CC. Thereafter, inspections shall be performed at least once every year except for the special conditions where the inspection or monitoring of the cover would expose a worker to dangerous, hazardous or other unsafe conditions. In such cases, subsequent inspections may be performed at intervals longer than 1 year, provided that the owner or operations designate the cover as an “unsafe to inspect and monitor cover” and provide a written explanation and develop and implement a written plan and schedule to inspect and monitor. The written explanation shall state the reasons why the cover is unsafe to visually inspect or to monitor. The written plan and schedule to inspect and monitor shall utilize procedures in the applicable sections of Subpart CC as frequently as practicable during those times when a worker can safely access the cover.

In the event that a defect is detected, the owner or operator shall repair the defect. The first efforts to repair the defect should be made within 5 calendar days after detection and the repair shall be completed as soon as possible but no later than 45 calendar days after detection. This period may be delayed if the repair of the defect requires emptying or temporary removal from service of the surface impoundment and no alternative capacity is available at the site to accept the hazardous waste normally managed in the surface impoundment. The repair of the defect must take place next time the process or unit that is generating the hazardous waste managed, stops operation. The repair is then need to be completed before the process or unit resumes operations.