An Operating Permit is required when a hazardous material listed in any of the categories in tables 5003.1.1 (1), 5003.1.1 (2), 5003.1.1 (3), or 5003.1.1 (4) of the Fire Code is manufactured, stored, or handled; and the quantity of such hazardous material exceeds the quantity listed in the applicable table.

- This includes any building that is, whole or in part, a “Group H” occupancy; is a pre-existing and non-conforming hazardous occupancy; or has outdoor use of, manufactures, and/or stores materials that exceed the tables for physical and/or health hazard.

An Operating Permit will not be issued until an inspection has been performed and establishes, to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal, that the requirements of the Fire Code are satisfied; including provisions and requirements regarding manufacture, use, and storage, listed in Chapter 50 of the Fire Code.

- A previous fire safety inspection will not waive this requirement.

Tests necessary to verify compliance with the Fire Code must be performed by the applicant, and the reports of such tests must be provided to the Fire Marshal. These tests and reports vary from product to product; however, they must include the following requirements:

- Verification of inspection of the fire protection systems
- Verification of inspection of storage cylinders, tanks, or containers
- Presentation of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Verification of compliance with any other applicable State Agency