



MIDWEST Environmental Services, Inc.

Midwest Environmental Services – Hazardous Pharmaceutical Wastes

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Did you know the EPA is proposing to add hazardous pharmaceutical wastes to the Universal Waste Rule in order to provide a system for disposing hazardous pharmaceutical wastes that is protective of public health and the environment. The proposed addition will make it easier for generators to collect and properly dispose of these items as hazardous wastes, resulting in a simpler and more streamlined waste management system.

The proposed rule applies to:

- pharmacies,
- hospitals,
- physicians' offices,
- dentists' offices,
- outpatient care centers,
- ambulatory health care services,
- residential care facilities,
- veterinary clinics, and
- other facilities that generate hazardous pharmaceutical wastes.

The rule encourages generators to dispose of non-hazardous pharmaceutical wastes as universal wastes, thereby removing this unregulated waste from wastewater treatment plants and municipal solid waste landfills. The addition of hazardous pharmaceutical waste to the Universal Waste Rule will facilitate the collection of personal medications from the public at various facilities so they can be more properly managed.

To learn more, contact a Midwest Environmental Services, Inc. Representative so we may all do our part to help protect our environment.

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