

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Parts 260, 261, 264, 265, 268, 270 and 273**

[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0932; FRL-8769-7]

RIN 2050-AG39

**Amendment to the Universal Waste Rule: Addition of Pharmaceuticals; Extension of Comment Period****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the extension of the comment period until March 4, 2009, on the proposed rule entitled, Amendment to the Universal Waste Rule: Addition of Pharmaceuticals published on December 2, 2008. The Agency is soliciting comments as described in that document on the proposed addition of hazardous pharmaceutical wastes to the federal universal waste program.

**DATES:** The comment period for this proposed rule is extended from the original closing date of February 2, 2009, to March 4, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0932, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* RCRA Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection provisions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0932. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is extending the comment period by 30

days in response to requests from the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association, Waste Management, Pharmecology® Associates, LLC, Healthcare Distribution Management Association, Clean Harbors Environmental Services and the Environmental Technology Council for more time to submit comments on the proposed rule, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2008 (73 FR 73520). Therefore, the public comment period will now close on March 4, 2009.

This notice has been developed by the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery. EPA's Office of Solid Waste was recently renamed the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery. For further information, please see: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/basicinfo.htm>.

**List of Subjects****40 CFR Part 260**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**40 CFR Part 261**

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Recycling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**40 CFR Part 264**

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Packaging and containers, Security measures, Surety bonds.

**40 CFR Part 265**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous waste insurance, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Surety bonds, Water supply.

**40 CFR Part 268**

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**40 CFR Part 270**

Environmental protection, Hazardous materials transportation, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**40 CFR Part 273**

Environmental protection, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste.

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