

USPS mail-back program can effectively transport prescription drugs for disposal

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The issue

- **America needs a safe, secure and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs**
- **Mail can be a part of the solution**
- **Participating in DEA rulemaking process**

Advantages of mail-back program

- **Convenient:** easy for users to return drugs
- **Safe and secure:** protected by postal inspectors, independent inspector general
- **Cost effective:** our return service is a low-cost solution

Convenient: easy access nationwide

**Over 33,000
retail outlets**



**Daily delivery
to 150 million
addresses**

290,000 carriers

**Carrier Pickup
Monday-Saturday**



**Over 180,000
drop boxes**

Safe and secure: Postal Inspection Service

- The Postal Inspection Service is one of the country's oldest federal law enforcement agencies
- Postal Inspectors investigate mail-related crimes
- They can investigate and arrest anyone mailing illegal substances, or stealing from the mail



Safe and secure: Office of Inspector General

- USPS OIG special agents investigate internal crimes and frauds against the Postal Service.
- Agents are stationed in 90 offices nationwide.



Cost effective

- **Merchandise Return Service**
 - Could be free to ultimate users if senders pay postage
 - Fast, secure, safe, federally protected
 - Can be tracked going through network
 - First Class Mail or Priority Mail

Mail-back envelope/label

Tear-resistant, padded mail-back envelopes protect pharmaceuticals being mailed for disposal



Mail-back and drug delivery expertise

- **Conducted operational test agreements for return of prescription drugs**
- **Delivered 90 million drug packages in 2010 to consumers**

USPS is trusted for privacy

- **Voted a trusted agency by Ponemon**
- **On top 10 list for most trusted businesses**
- **235-year record for securing mail, protecting personal information**
- **First-Class Mail protected by federal law**

Three current mail-back options

- **DEA-approved reverse distributor**
- **Ultimate user return non-controlled drugs to DEA-approved reverse distributor**
- **Ultimate users return controlled substances to DEA-approved law enforcement agency**

Mail is part of the solution

- **Mailing drugs for disposal is convenient, safe, secure and cost effective**
- **USPS voted a trusted federal agency to protect privacy**
- **Prescription drugs already move safely through mail**