

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendments to the Hazardous Waste Regulations (25 Pa. Code Chapters 260a - 266a, 266b, 267a, 269a and 270a)

This rulemaking will amend the hazardous waste regulations. These changes are being made to address the Secretary's directive to review and revise all DEP regulations to implement the goals contained in the Administration's priorities of increased environmental protection and improved human quality of life.

The rulemaking includes revisions to remove obsolete provisions and correct inaccurate references currently in the regulations; delete the outdated co-product transition scheme; simplify the hazardous waste manifest system; revise the requirements for phased deposit collateral bonds; expand and clarify the universal waste requirements; correct an outdated reference to the EQB in the hazardous waste facilities siting criteria and add provisions for standardized permits.

The specific Administration priorities addressed in this proposal include:

- Improving the permitting process by incorporating the federal standardized permits provision and including regulatory provisions to accomplish this. The standardized permit provision provides a streamlined process for generators of hazardous waste to obtain a permit to store wastes for greater than 90 days. A standardized permit process is also available to companies that generate hazardous waste at various locations, but want to establish a treatment facility at one location for hazardous wastes generated at all locations.
- Changing the bonding requirements will improve the reliability of money available to properly close a hazardous waste facility. This proposal eliminates the option for an existing hazardous waste permitted facility to use a phased deposit of collateral.
- Amending a corrective action provision for solid waste management units to eliminate an impediment for Pennsylvania to receive federal authorization. This will provide increased flexibility and further encourage brownfields redevelopment.
- Simplifying reporting requirements for hazardous waste manifests and universal wastes.
- Adding two new universal wastes that encourage recycling and proper management of hazardous wastes that might otherwise be disposed improperly.

This regulation will affect persons who generate, store, transport, dispose or treat hazardous waste in Pennsylvania.

On April 10, 2008, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed Annex A and voted to submit it to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration as final rulemaking.