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## NOTICE: New Pharmaceutical Rule is in Effect in Georgia as of January 5, 2020

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that your facility may be subject to the new regulations for hazardous waste pharmaceutical management. This new rule is known as the Pharmaceutical Rule and can be found under **40 CFR 266 Subpart P**. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) has adopted the new federal regulations by reference for the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals generated at healthcare facilities and reverse distributors. The rule changes the regulatory status of over-the-counter nicotine product waste and prohibits the sewerage of waste pharmaceuticals. As of January 5, 2020, healthcare facilities and reverse distributors as defined by the new rule are subject to 40 CFR 266 Subpart P. *Please note that the new regulations prohibiting the sewerage of waste pharmaceuticals went into effect nationwide on August 21, 2019.*

To help you comply with the new regulations, we have listed below several links to websites where you can find more information about the new regulations and how they may affect the way you are required to manage hazardous waste.

**Online Code of Federal Regulations: 40 CFR Part 266, Subpart P**

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=b79008b14fb36fd528cc84f87ed9af4e&mc=true&node=pt40.27.266&rgn=div5>

At this site, you can view the new regulations in their entirety.

**EPA's website with information about the new rule:**

<https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/management-pharmaceutical-hazardous-waste>

This site provides basic information and links to more details about the new pharmaceutical rule.

**Georgia EPD's Hazardous Waste Website**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/land-protection-branch/land-protection-branch-technical-guidance/hazardous-waste-technical-guidance>

This site provides a variety of information for hazardous waste generators in Georgia and includes a hyper-linked version of this document.

**Questions?** Please contact the Hazardous Waste Management Program at 404-656-7802 and ask for the technical assistance duty officer of the day.