

## **New Regulation - Lamps Added to Universal Waste Rule**

North Carolina adopted the federal change to the universal waste rule which allows lamps that otherwise would be hazardous waste, to be managed as a universal waste (64 FR 36465), issued on July 6, 1999 with an effective date of January 6, 2000. Therefore effective January 6, 2000, the Division of Waste Management is rescinding its Enforcement Policy on Lights Containing Mercury enacted in March, 1996.

As of January 6, 2000, companies generating waste lamps, in any quantity, need to manage them in accordance to the regulations rather than an enforcement policy.

### **What does this mean to me???**

After a waste determination is made:

- if the lamps are non-hazardous,
  - they can be shipped to a recycler as non-hazardous waste, or
  - they can go to a municipal lined landfill if the landfill will accept them.
- if the lamps are hazardous,
  - they can be managed as any other hazardous waste including shipment to a recycler as hazardous waste, or
  - they can be managed as a universal waste.
  - Household hazardous waste retains its exemption.
  - in North Carolina hazardous waste from Conditionally Exempt Generators is not allowed in landfills.

### **For More Information from EPA on the Universal Waste Rule**

For additional information or to order paper copies of any documents, call the RCRA Hotline. Callers within the Washington Metropolitan Area must dial 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323 (hearing impaired). Long-distance callers may call 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672. The RCRA Hotline operates weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Address written requests to: RCRA-Docket@epa.gov or RCRA Information Center (5305W), US EPA, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

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