

**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Solid Waste Management
Hazardous Waste Management Program**

Regulation of Mercury-Containing Equipment as a Universal Waste

POLICY

Whereas, Tennessee is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorized State for the Hazardous Waste Program; and

Whereas, Tennessee shares EPA's concern about mercury releases to the environment that may occur if spent mercury containing equipment (MCE) is managed improperly in the municipal waste stream; and

Whereas, the Universal Waste Rule, Rule 1200-1-11-.12, is designed to maximize collections of spent MCE while preventing releases from management of those wastes; and

Whereas, it is the intent to add similar changes as those in Federal Register dated August 5, 2005, page 45507, to the Hazardous Waste Rules through Rulemaking Hearing procedure which may take approximately one year to become effective in Tennessee.

By this Policy, the Division of Solid Waste Management is allowing such mercury containing equipment waste to be handled as a Universal Waste in accordance with the provisions of Federal Register dated August 5, 2005 EPA Final Rule, page 45507, until similar provisions become effective in Tennessee Rules.

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Division of Solid Waste Management

Date