

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

**Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

STATE

FINAL:

AMENDMENTS TO DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES REGULATION The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has [adopted amendments](#) to the disposal of controlled hazardous substances regulations. The amendments incorporate various provisions that have been promulgated by USEPA, including rules concerning electronic recycling, dredged material, “delisted” hazardous waste, and universal waste. The proposed amendments update: (1) [COMAR 26.13.01](#) - Hazardous Waste Management System: General; (2) [COMAR 26.13.02](#) - Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; and (3) [COMAR 26.13.10](#) - Standards for the Management of Specific Hazardous Wastes and Specific Types of Hazardous Waste Management Facilities. The amendments became effective on 18 JAN 2016.

FEDERAL

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EPCRA REPORTING USEPA issued a final rule amending the existing hazard categories for hazardous chemical inventory form reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 312 and for list reporting under section 311 ([81 FR 38104](#)). The final rule became effective on 13 JUN 16.

HAZMAT TRANSPORTATION The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a final rule adopting a suite of amendments to the Hazardous Material Regulation ([81 FR 35483](#)). The final rule became effective on 5 JUL 16.

LITHIUM ION BATTERY SAFETY ADVISORY The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a safety advisory notice to inform persons engaged in the transport of lithium batteries in commerce of recent actions taken by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to enhance the safe transport of lithium batteries by air ([81 FR 20443](#)). The ICAO amended the 2015-2016 edition of the [Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air](#).

REVERSE LOGISTICS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a final rule applicable to reverse logistics shipments of certain hazardous materials by highway transportation ([81 FR 18527](#)). The final rule became effective on 31 MAR 16.

SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF BULK EXPLOSIVES The U.S. Department of Transportation issued a final rule amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations ([80 FR 79423](#)). The final rule became effective on 20 JAN 2016.

HAZARDOUS SECONDARY MATERIALS RECYCLING The USEPA finalized new safeguards that promote responsible hazardous secondary materials recycling. The [final rule](#) modifies the USEPA’s 2008 Definition of Solid Waste rule to ensure it protects human health and the environment from the mismanagement of hazardous secondary materials intended for recycling, while promoting sustainability through the encouragement of safe and environmentally responsible recycling of such materials. Docket: EPA-HQ-RCRA-2010-0742.

PROPOSED:

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATION , PHMSA issued a proposed rule amending the Hazardous Materials Regulation by updating, clarifying, or providing relief from miscellaneous regulatory requirements. ([81 FR 42609](#)).

OTHER

HAZARDOUS WASTE ELECTRONIC MANIFEST SYSTEM AND ADVISORY BOARD USEPA [announced](#) the membership of its Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Advisory Board. The board will advise and provide guidance on the development and use of an electronic system for tracking hazardous waste shipments throughout the U.S. USEPA intends to deploy the e-manifest system in the spring of 2018.