

May 2, 2023 Chapter 11-273.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules

“Hazardous Waste Management: Standards for Universal Waste Management”

List of proposed changes

- (1) Add universal waste management standards allowing universal waste handlers to drill holes in or crush electronic storage media when complying with conditions [in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 273.13(f)(6) and 273.33(f)(6), as incorporated and amended in chapter 11-273.1, HAR].

Under the proposed management standards for universal waste electronic items, handlers may drill holes in or crush hard drives, solid state drives, or similar electronic storage media for the purpose of meeting data security standards or media sanitization standards without a hazardous waste permit. Conditions are included to ensure that drilling or crushing is conducted in a manner that protects human health and the environment. This rule change has been requested by regulated entities.

- (2) Clarify language allowing universal waste handlers to remove discrete components that are typically removed by consumers for replacement during the normal operation of an electronic item [in 40 CFR section 273.13(f)(4)(iii) and 273.33(f)(4)(iii), as incorporated and amended in chapter 11-273.1, HAR].
- (3) Add an option for handlers of universal waste to label a designated universal waste battery storage area demarcated by boundaries rather than labeling each battery or container or pallet containing batteries [in 40 CFR section 273.14(a) and 273.34(a), as incorporated and amended in chapter 11-273.1, HAR].
- (4) Add an option for handlers of universal waste to label a designated universal waste electronic item storage area demarcated by boundaries rather than labeling each electronic item or container or pallet containing electronic items [in 40 CFR section 273.14(g) and 273.34(g), as incorporated and amended in chapter 11-273.1, HAR].