



**U. S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
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Dear Registrants:

The Drug Enforcement Administration, Phoenix Field Division, no longer accepts outdated or unwanted controlled substances for destruction, except under unusual or extenuating circumstances. Alternatives to registrants for destroying controlled substances are as follows:

- DEA may have previously authorized you in writing to conduct your own destruction. Those authorizations will remain in effect until rescinded, revoked, or procedures are changed.
- Controlled substances may be personally delivered to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved incinerator. DEA must be notified fourteen days in advance for the proposed site. Two responsible individuals from your firm must accompany the controlled substances to the disposal site and actually witness their being rendered irretrievable. All required DEA Form 41's (Registrant's Inventory of Drugs Surrendered) must be completed and forwarded to the attention of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Phoenix Field Division Diversion Group, 3010 North Second Street, Suite 301, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.
- Controlled substances may be sent to a DEA registered disposal firm (classified by DEA as a Reverse Distributor) for destruction. If you choose this method you are required to contact the disposal firm (see attached list) for specific instructions.

If unusual or extenuating circumstances should arise concerning the destruction of unwanted or outdated controlled substances, contact the DEA Phoenix Field Division Diversion Group within your area for instructions. Please do not send the controlled substances to DEA without prior authorization. Controlled substances received at the DEA Phoenix Field Division without prior approval will not be accepted and returned to the sender.

Regardless of the procedures followed, all Federal, state and local requirements for the handling of controlled substances and for waste disposal must be followed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the DEA Phoenix Diversion Group at (602) 664-5831.