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## Welcome to Georgia Chapter A&WMA Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of our new and improved Georgia Chapter Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) newsletter. We are planning to periodically issue a newsletter with practical information on current air and waste issues in Georgia and nationally. We will also keep you updated on highly informative brown bags and conferences with direct access to federal and state regulators; offer valuable continuing education credits; and provide you with networking and new business opportunities. Do not forget to renew your membership and get a friend or colleague join or renew their membership (see Membership Contest information below). We hope you find this newsletter useful; let us know what you think.

**Who We Are:** Founded in 1907, the A&WMA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization enhancing knowledge and expertise by providing a neutral forum for information exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education, and outreach to more than 5,000 environmental professionals in 65 countries. A&WMA promotes global environmental responsibility and increases the effectiveness of organizations to make critical decisions that benefit society.

## Aerosol Cans as New Georgia Universal Waste



On August 25, 2020, the Georgia Board of Natural Resources amended Rule 391-3-11 adding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) December 9, 2019, universal waste (UW) rule. This amended Georgia rule was **effective October 5, 2020**, and Georgia is now the fourteenth state to adopt EPA's new UW rule for aerosol cans. The EPA rule created a new category of waste allowing facilities the option of streamlining the management of aerosol cans (see table below).

Advantages of these new UW rules for aerosol cans:

- Facilities do not have to use a manifest or land disposal restriction (LDR) form for offsite shipments of UW.
- Leaking or damaged aerosol cans can still be managed as UW. However, they must be placed in a separate closed container, overpacked with absorbents or immediately punctured and drained. Facilities deciding to puncture their intact aerosol cans are subject to a lengthy list of requirements [see 40 CFR 273.13(e)(4)(i) to (vii)].
- UW are not counted to determine a facility's monthly generator status. Very Small Quantity Generators ( $\leq 220$  lbs./month of hazardous waste or  $\leq 2.2$  lbs./month of acutely hazardous waste) do not have to comply with the UW rule.

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## Summary of Requirements for Aerosol Cans as Universal Waste

Requirement	Small Quantity Handler ( < 11,023 lbs. all UW at any time)	Large Quantity Handler ( ≥ 11,023 lbs. all UW at any time)
Agency Notification	Not required	Get EPA ID Number before ≥ 11,023 lbs.
Waste Management	Place in structurally sound, compatible container without leaks, protect from heat	
Labeling/Marking	"Universal Waste—Aerosol Can(s)," "Waste Aerosol Can(s)," or "Used Aerosol Can(s)"	
Accumulation Limit	One year	
Employee Training	Inform employees who handle or have responsibility for managing UW	Familiarize employees with waste handling/emergency procedures relative to their UW responsibilities
Release Response	Contain releases, determine if hazardous waste, if "yes" manage per 40 CFR 262	
Offsite Shipment	Prohibited from shipping UW to non-UW handler, destination facility, or foreign destination	
Tracking	Not required	Record shipments, retain records for 3 years
Exporting	Follow 40 CFR 262, subpart H	

## Win the New Member Contest



Get a friend or colleague, to join or renew their A&WMA membership and win prizes. First place is a \$50 gift card! In addition, your friend or colleague will get all the outstanding benefits of an A&WMA membership. This contest is ongoing until **December 11, 2020**. For details, click [here](#).

## Check-out our New, Redesigned Website

Stay up to date on: Upcoming events (brown bags, regulatory conferences) chapter news, scholarship offers, and much more. Do not forget to bookmark our website. Click [here](#)



## Your Award-Winning Georgia Chapter



We the 2019 Chapter Cup Award and 2019 Membership Performance Recognition Award! Shira Colsky (Geosyntec) won the outstanding Young Professional (YP) award. These awards were given at the A&WMA Sections and Chapters Council 2020 Summer Meeting and recognized in the [August 2020 Issue](#) of the A&WMA Sections & Council Newsletter, *The Conduit*. More information is found [here](#).