

**Arkansas Department of Health
Proposed Amendment of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Management of
Medical Waste From Generators and Healthcare Related Facilities
Public Comments Received**

A public hearing was held on September 20, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the ADH 5th Floor Briefing Room, at Little Rock, Arkansas. No oral comments were received during the hearing.

One written comment was received by the deadline and is listed below.

Comment	Response
<p>Selin Hoboy and Al Burson, Stericycle, Inc.</p> <p>“Stericycle appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on these proposed regulations and respectfully request that the Arkansas Department of Health consider the use of volume (per DOT as stated) as an option instead of weight (only)” or the number of containers”, such that we can ensure compliance with the Department and DOT. Additionally, we request that VII. K. 4.b. be stricken from the proposed rules and not be adopted or amended to provide greater flexibility in time to return to generator (i.e. 45 days).”</p>	<p>The current proposed revision is as follows:</p> <p><i>4. The weight (pounds) or the number of containers of commercial medical waste transported. (This will stay as is. The reporting of volume only is not descriptive enough for agency needs. ADH needs to ensure that each container of waste is accounted for by the transporter, while in transit. Volume may still be reported; however, either weight in pounds or the number of containers would be required by ADH. Further, changes to K. 4.b. as requested allows for the flexibility in reporting time (i.e. 45 days) to permit transporters with real-time tracking capability time to report the weight in pounds to the generators.)</i></p> <p>a. The commercial medical waste transporter may provide at the time of pick-up the number of containers if the transporter can track real-time individual waste containers from the point of collection through the point of treatment.</p> <p>b. If the weight (pounds) of each container is not provided at the time of transfer, the commercial medical waste transporter must report the weight (pounds) of each container to the generator within fourteen (14) days. <i>(Our regulation states that this info is required to be included as part of the log/manifest to the generator. ADH will amend this to 45 days instead of 14).</i></p>