

JOB IMPACT STATEMENT

6 NYCRR Part 370, Hazardous Waste Management System – General

6 NYCRR Part 371, Identification and Listing of Hazardous Wastes

6 NYCRR Part 373, Hazardous Waste Management Facilities

6 NYCRR 374, Management of Specific Hazardous Waste

6 NYCRR 376, Land Disposal Restrictions

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to create a substantial adverse impact on jobs and employment opportunities in New York State (State). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) widely circulated information about the proposed revisions to the universal waste rule to the regulated community and did not receive any negative comments related to job impacts.

The addition of aerosol cans to the universal waste regulations provides an optional approach for management of aerosol cans directed for recycling. The management of aerosol cans as a universal waste is voluntary and does not impose regulatory burdens that would discourage employment in the State. The proposed change will increase consistency between DEC's hazardous waste regulations and the Federal universal waste regulations, as amended on December 9, 2019 (84 Fed Reg 67202 [2019]) to add aerosol cans. The proposed rulemaking is intended to support a shift of resources from the current practice of handling and disposing of aerosol cans as hazardous waste to a more sustainable practice of puncturing, draining, and recycling aerosol cans as a

universal waste.

The proposed rulemaking will also amend DEC's universal waste regulations to include provisions to allow waste paint to be managed as a universal waste in the State. These proposed revisions are necessary to implement the Postconsumer Paint Collection Program law that was enacted in 2020. This law is designed to facilitate the collection and recycling of waste paint. The addition of waste paint as a universal waste will help streamline the paint recycling process and create new jobs in the paint recycling sector. A recycler has already approached DEC about potentially locating a paint recycling facility in the State.

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to cause a decrease in the number of full-time jobs and employment opportunities which would otherwise be available to the residents of the State in the next two years. Therefore, adoption of these requirements will have no significant impact on jobs in the State.