

## SECTION .3000 - DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED DRUGS

### 21 NCAC 46 .3001 PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSING OF DRUGS

(a) All registrants under G.S. 90-85.21 shall develop and implement policies and procedures to insure that all outdated, improperly labeled, adulterated, damaged or unwanted drugs or drug containers with worn, illegible or missing labels are destroyed or disposed of so as to render them unusable.

(b) Any permit holder in possession of outdated, adulterated or unwanted drugs other than controlled substances may dispose or destroy such drugs by returning them to the manufacturer, by incineration at a properly permitted facility, or by any other means approved by the Board which will assure protection against unauthorized possession or use. Destructions under this Paragraph taking place at the permit holder's premises shall be witnessed by a licensed pharmacist and documented.

(c) Any permit holder in possession of any controlled substance and desiring or required to dispose of such substance may file a written request on a form provided by the Board for authority and instructions to dispose of such substance. If destruction under this Paragraph takes place at the permit holder's premises such destruction shall be jointly witnessed by at least two licensed pharmacists approved by the Board. All destructions of controlled substances shall be documented and the document shall be retained by the permit holder for a period of at least three years. Copies of the document shall be sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-85.6; 90-85.21;  
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