**Pharmaceutical Waste Management Overview**

**Unwanted Pharmaceutical**

Is the pharmaceutical viable?
- Yes: Return to manufacturer or reverse distributor for credit.
- No: Is the pharmaceutical a controlled substance?
  - No: Assume all pharmaceutical waste is RCRA Waste.
    - No: Designate which pharmaceutical waste is RCRA waste. WAC 173-303-080, WAC 173-303-090
    - Yes: Segregate RCRA waste from other wastes.
  - Yes: Can the controlled substance be returned to the pharmacy?
    - Yes: Dispose of at a RCRA-permitted dangerous waste facility. Under the *Interim Enforcement Policy*, you must send to a RCRA-permitted incinerator.
    - No: Assume all others are State-only dangerous waste.
      - Yes: Incinerate at a facility that meets the conditional exclusion. WAC 173-303-071(3)(nn)
      - No: Designate which pharmaceutical waste is State-only dangerous waste. WAC 173-303-100

Yes: Yes

No: No, it is not a dangerous waste

Contact your local health department for solid waste disposal restrictions.