

## Attention Animal Researchers using Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Controlled Substances



### Information on disposal of your expired/unused controlled substances

There are two approved methods to dispose of controlled substances.

**NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):** Contact Joi Baker, NC Dept. of DHHS at 919-733-1765. Ask to be placed on the "Controlled Drug Disposal List". You will be placed on the schedule and Nancy Talbert, our drug inspector, will contact your lab to schedule a time for disposal. (Go to [EH&S Controlled Substances web page](#) for more information) Please note that you may experience significant delays to remove these materials due to the case load for these individuals.

**Through a Reverse Distributor:** A reverse distributor is a company certified by the DEA that collects controlled substances from registrants and either returns them to the manufacturer or arranges for disposal.

[Pharmaceutical Dimensions](#) (PHD) is a reverse distributor in Greensboro. 336-297-4851. They will dispose/destroy Schedules 2, 3, 3N, 4, 5. drugs and provide a certificate of destruction in a timely manner.

Contact with PHD is done online and each DEA licensee must create an account with PHD. A copy of the current DEA license must be sent to PHD. They will send you shipping forms (shipping costs are included). Items are sent to PHD where they are inventoried and destroyed. PHD will send licensee an email with the invoice and certification of destruction. No contract is necessary. Contact them whenever you need their services.

The cost is \$60 for the first 10 items and \$1.24 thereafter. An item can be a single bottle or a carton. (As the request form is filled out, there is a description of the substance and what is considered a single item for that substance.) Since every substance is tied to a specific license, PHD cannot lump items together from different registrants to reduce costs (One PI with 4 drugs cannot combine with another PI with 6 drugs to only pay \$60. Each would have to pay \$60).

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