

## PURPOSE

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The DEA requires that all registrants provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft and diversion of controlled substances. UF EH&S has reviewed the product Rx Destroyer and has found this product to be compliant with the DEA's controlled substance destruction requirements for Schedules I-V. This document summarizes the proper management, destruction, and documentation of expired controlled drugs in accordance with the Title 21 CFR Parts 1330.

**This information applies only to PIs with an active DEA registration. PIs with expired or terminated registrations should reach out to EH&S for guidance.**

## PROCEDURES

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1. Identify the Controlled Substances (CS)
  - a. When a controlled substance expires, or is no longer needed, write **EXPIRED** directly on the bottle with a marker.
  - b. Segregate marked bottle from other in-date controlled substances.
  - c. Log the substance out appropriately on the substance's log sheet.
2. Carefully Read all Instructions on [DEA Form 41 \(usdoj.gov\)](https://www.usdoj.gov)
3. Render expired controlled drugs non-retrievable(destroyed)
  - a. Label Rx Destroyer container in accordance with Hazardous Waste Management requirements and include accumulation start date.
  - b. Place the expired controlled substance(s) into the Rx Destroyer container with a witness present.
  - c. Triple rinse empty container and dispose of rinsate in Rx Destroyer.
  - d. Once the container is full, or all controlled substances marked for disposal are processed, continue to step 4.
4. Complete [DEA Form 41 \(usdoj.gov\)](https://www.usdoj.gov)
  - a. DEA Form 41, is available online and must be completed for each date that expired controlled substance(s) is/are destroyed.
  - b. A witness must be present. Valid Witness includes:
    - i. Lab Member familiar with the research
    - ii. Department faculty or staff familiar with the research
    - iii. UPD
5. Contact EH&S to properly dispose of Rx Destroyer Container
  - a. Follow EH&S guidance for waste accumulation per [Waste Accumulation » UF | EHS \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.ufl.edu)
  - b. Contact EHS for pick-up by completing the on-line [Hazardous Waste Forms » UF | EHS \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.ufl.edu).
  - c. EHS will pick up your RX Destroyer container and ship it for incineration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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1) DEA, Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 13, Controlled Substances Act  
[The Controlled Substances Act \(dea.gov\)](https://www.dea.gov)

2) [Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal - Rx Destroyer](#)

Rx Destroyer is a range of fast-acting chemical destruction solvents that make medication destruction safe, affordable, and convenient. This solution meets the DEA's non-retrievable standard as interpreted by UF EH&S. RX Destroyer contains a ready to use chemical digestion solution. Simply load unused or unwanted medications into the bottle and shake. Drugs start to dissolve permitting the active medication ingredients to be adsorbed and neutralized by the active charcoal. Active medication ingredients permanently bond to the activated charcoal.



*Fisher Catalog No. NC0986544*



*Fisher Catalog No. NC1325239*

**RX Destroyer is available for purchase through Fisher Scientific, & Amazon. Additional distributors can be located by contacting RX Destroyer directly at (888) 608-5160**

Detailed information on UF practices can be found on the UF EH&S website.  
[DEA – Controlled Substances » UF | EHS \(ufl.edu\)](#)

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