

QUESTION: What is the status of RCRA Part 264 Subpart Q (Chem/Physical/Biol. Treatment)?

ANSWER: As it has gained experience with the hazardous waste program, EPA has determined that very little treatment occurs in units meeting the definition of chemical, physical or biological treatment units as found in Subpart Q. Most treatment units qualify as other types of units (e.g. tanks, surface impoundments, land treatment units) that are subject to the requirements of other Subparts. EPA intends to promulgate a set of standards for miscellaneous facilities under a new Subpart X in Part 261. To the extent units exist that fall within Subpart Q of Part 265, they will be addressed by Subpart X for permitting purposes.

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