

QUESTION: EPA lists certain commercial chemical products as hazardous waste if discarded. Some of these listings specify the salt or ester of the parent compound and some do not. Are the salts and esters of all the commercial chemical products included in these listings or just where specified.

ANSWER: EPA is currently controlling only those chemicals which are specifically listed in 40CFR261.33 (e) and (f). If a parent compound is listed but the salt or ester of that compound is not, then only the parent compound is controlled. Because of confusion over nomenclature, EPA has provided, through the CERCLA reportable quantity proposed rulemaking (48 FR 23552, May 25, 1983), a convenient list of Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Registration Numbers for each of the commercial chemical products.

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