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RCRA/SUPERFUND HOTLINE MONTHLY SUMMARY

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3. Household Hazardous Waste

As a part of a consent decree, a firm which caused a plume of ground-water contaminated with RCRA listed waste, is required to install carbon filters in all affected homes with water wells. When the firm returns to change these filters, they wish to collect and ship them for regeneration. Will these filters be covered by the household hazardous waste exclusion in Section 261.4(b)(1)?

Yes, Section 261.4(b)(1) defines "household waste" as any material derived from households. Since the carbon filter was installed in a home, it is household waste when removed. There is no significant difference between filters installed by the firm and ones installed by a homeowner on his own initiative. The household hazardous waste exclusion would apply to the filters when they are sent for regeneration.

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