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## Hotline Questions and Answers

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### 1. Lead-Acid Batteries and Universal Waste

How do the Part 273, Standards for Universal Waste Management, affect the management of lead-acid batteries regulated under the Part 266, Subpart G, regulations for spent lead-acid batteries being reclaimed?

Lead-acid batteries that are managed under Part 266, Subpart G, are not subject to the universal waste management standards. The universal management standards only apply to those lead-acid batteries that are not managed under Part 266, Subpart G. The existing recycling program for automotive lead-acid batteries has been extremely successful, with recycling rates in excess of 90 percent nationwide. By retaining the Part 266, Subpart G, requirements, EPA can continue to operate this program without modification or adverse effect on the environment. EPA expects that most non-automotive lead-acid batteries will be managed under Part 273 (60 FR 25492, 25505; May 11, 1995).