

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
INTERIM COMMITTEE

SUNSET REVIEW
Lead Acid Battery Disposal

Title 19 Chapter 6 Part 6
Utah Code Annotated

Summary

The Lead Acid Battery Disposal statute governs the management and disposition of used lead acid batteries. It is administered by the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste. Its purpose is to ensure recycling of these batteries and prevent the release of harmful chemicals to the environment through improper disposal. The statute is self-implementing. There are no rules or fees associated with it. Periodic inspections are conducted by the Division as resources allow.

The statute provides the following:

1. **Prohibits** the disposal of used lead acid batteries in a solid waste disposal facility operated by a municipality, county, other political subdivision or other entity.
2. **Requires** delivery of used lead acid batteries to a battery retailer, wholesaler, collection or recycling facility or a lead smelter.
3. **Directs** battery retailers and wholesalers to accept used lead acid batteries (up to two batteries) from consumers at point of sale of new batteries and dispose of used batteries properly.
4. **Requires** lead acid batteries to be removed from vehicles prior to crushing or shredding.

Recommendation

The Lead Acid Battery Disposal statute is an important part of the Division's efforts to protect health and the environment through recycling. It is meeting its intended purpose. The Division recommends the statute be reauthorized for 10 years.