567—145.4(455B,455D) Recycling/disposal requirements for household batteries.

145.4(1) It is the responsibility of all participants in the stream of commerce, either individually or collectively, to establish and maintain a system or systems for the proper collection, transportation and recycling or disposal of waste batteries, specified in 455D.10A(3)"*a*," for consumers and institutional generators in Iowa, beginning July 1, 1996.

145.4(2) The manufacturers shall provide a plan to the department, by May 1, 1996, that specifically identifies a system or systems for the proper collection, transportation and recycling or disposal of the specified waste household batteries. This information shall identify, to the extent possible, transporters and recycling or disposal destinations.

145.4(3) A consumer that is not an institutional generator shall not be required to pay for any collection, disposition and recycling activities after the original purchase of the battery. However, these charges may be built into the original cost of the product. An institutional generator shall provide for the on-site source separation and collection of used mercuric oxide batteries, nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries, and sealed lead-acid rechargeable batteries.

145.4(4) As part of the requirement of informing each consumer of the safe and convenient return process available for recycling or proper disposal of waste batteries, pursuant to Iowa Code section 455D.10A(3) "b"(2), a manufacturer shall provide a telephone number to each consumer of the specified batteries that provides information on returning these batteries for recycling or proper disposal. This telephone number shall also be provided to the department.