Environmental Need
Public Safety Need
Where Does Medicine Go?
Home Disposal is Not a Safe Option
Previous Medicine Collection Efforts
2010 Proposed EPR Ordinance for Pharmaceuticals
SF Pilot Program launched April 2012
12 Independent Pharmacies
Two-key Collection Bins
All 10 SF Police Stations Accept All Meds “Over The Counter”
71,667 Pounds Collected – Four Years
Local Governments Lead the Way

**Alameda County, CA**
- Ordinance passed July 2012
- Court challenge by 3 trade groups
- Supreme Court declined to hear case May 2015
- Pharmacy collection to start this month

**King County, WA**
- Regulations passed June 2013
- Program resumed after Alameda Appeal ruling
- 2 stewardship plans approved
- Pharmacy collection to start in June
The Same Companies Provide This Program in Many Other Countries

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Source: European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
A New Ordinance is Introduced in SF
Double Collection Sites to 55
Voluntary participation as drop-off site

You’re invited!

To all SF Pharmacies
Mail-back Envelope Alternative
No Point-of Sale Fee to Consumers
Producer Outreach Responsibilities

Toll free telephone number and website

Readily-recognizable, consistent design of drop boxes and signage

Bi-annual surveys of residents and Healthcare professionals on awareness, convenience, and consumer attitudes

All outreach materials must be in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, and Tagalog
2015 Ordinance: Responsible Parties’ Roles

- Retailers
- Wholesalers
- Repackers
- Producers

Local Government:
- Identify Producers (Manufacturers)
- Submit Stewardship Plan and operate Program
- Review and approve Plan
- Annual oversight
- Enforcement
2015 Ordinance – What’s Next

Effective Date
April 25, 2015

1. Producers Notify DOE of Intent to participate
2. Retailers & Repackaggers Notify DOE of Producers

Producers Notify DOE of Plan Operator Name
Extended Nov 28, 2015

Producers Submit Stewardship Plan
April 25, 2016

DOE Reviews and Approves Plan
Oct 25, 2016

Wholesalers Notify DOE of Producers
June 25, 2015

Extended Nov 28, 2015

Jan 25, 2016

July 25, 2016

Stewardship Plan is Operational (if approved on first submittal)

2m
6m
9m
12m
15m
18m
Implementation & Oversight Costs

One new temporary FTE at Dept of the Environment

Contact management and mailings to Wholesalers, Repackers, Retailers & Producers

Review and oversight costs to City will be recovered through Plan Review Fee and Annual Operating Fee

Schedule of Fees must be approved by Commission On The Environment
Plan Review Fee

$70.00/hour - proposed

Initial review of Stewardship Plans

Review of resubmitted Plans

Review of applications to use an Alternative Disposal Technology
Annual Operating Fee

$35,000/yr per Plan - proposed

Annual Report review

Participant database maintenance

Identification and follow-up with “Free Riders”

Enforcement Warning Letters

Random Inspections
Controller’s Office will provide annual Fee Certification Letter for both Fees
Maggie Johnson
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