

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

# BREAKOUT SESSION IIA

What are the Programmatic and/or  
Regulatory Constraints to Reducing  
Pharmaceuticals in the Environment?

# PROCESS

- Used process flow chart as a starting point (see flow chart on wall);
- Asked participants to look at opportunities on flow chart, brainstorm additional opportunities;
- Grouped & discussed ideas;
- Multi-voted on priority opportunities for EPA to consider

# TOP OPTIONS:

- Clarify & expand RCRA to allow reverse distribution for individuals (10)
- Collect more data on unused/waste pharm (9)
- DEA to look at rule change to allow greater take back (7)
- Improve RCRA (5)
- Consumer education & labeling (4)
- Public education re: pharm & environment (2)
- High temp pharm destruction (1)
- Have meeting in '06 (1)

# HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Producer responsibility program
- Producer customer incentive program
- Change insurance co. behavior of 90 day prescriptions
- Ethnic stores as addt'l source?
- Reformulation for more complete absorption
- Better RCRA classification/labeling
- Better degradation @ waste water treatment
- Stakeholder feedback to DEA