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TO: Medical Waste Producing Facilities

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SUBJECT: Compliance Assistance Inspections by Local Health Departments

Your local health department may be contacting you to arrange for a compliance assistance inspection of your facility to evaluate compliance with Part 138, Medical Waste Regulatory Act, of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended (MWRA).

A pilot program is underway again this year as the Medical Waste Regulatory Program, Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), partners with local health departments to perform compliance assistance inspections of medical waste producers. The goal of these inspections is to increase awareness of the requirements of the MWRA and assist medical waste producing facilities in complying with these requirements.

These inspections will include a very basic evaluation to determine the following:

- Whether the facility has a current registration and the facility type is correct.
- Whether the facility has a complete medical waste management plan on file.
- Whether the medical waste is properly stored prior to removal/disposal.
- Whether the facility has records documenting staff training and medical waste shipments.

An example of the inspection report form that will be used is enclosed. After the inspection, you will be provided a copy of the inspection report which will include any recommendations from the inspector. The inspector may follow-up with you either by phone or a second visit to ensure the noted issues have been addressed.

We hope this pilot program will demonstrate that we can be more responsive to your needs and administer a more effective Medical Waste Regulatory Program overall through this partnership with local health department staff.

If you have any questions or concerns about this pilot program, please contact me at 517-230-9800, shannona1@michigan.gov, or EGLE, Grand Rapids District Office, 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Enclosure



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
MEDICAL WASTE PRODUCING FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT
Issued under authority of 1978 PA 368, as amended.
Local Health Department Pilot Program

Facility Name	Registration #
Street Address	Inspection Date
City or Township	LHD Representative
Facility Representative	Facility Telephone Number
Inspection Type (Circle One) INITIAL POTENTIAL FOLLOW-UP COMPLAINT	Generator Status (Circle One) LARGE VOLUME SMALL VOLUME
KEY: ✓ = Compliance X= Noncompliance N= Not Applicable	
Facility Type	Types of Waste Produced:
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Private Practice < 4 licensees (MD, DVM, DDS, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Private Practice >= 4 licensees (MD, DVM, DDS, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Hospice or Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Other: Please identify in remarks Does facility type match registration? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Cultures & stocks <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Blood and body fluids <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Pathological waste <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Sharps <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Infectious animal waste
Packaging, Storage, and Labeling	Medical Waste Management Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Packaging and storage prevents release [13809(a), 13811, 13821(b)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Medical waste properly separated and placed in appropriately labeled containers [13809(b), 13809(e), 13810(a)-(c)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Storage containers properly labeled [13809(c)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Medical waste not mixed with other waste [13809(d)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Storage methods prevent putrefaction and infectious agents from coming into contact with individuals and air [13809(f)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Outdoor storage in secured area or container [13809(g)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Storage does not exceed 90 days [13809(h), 13810(d)].	<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Plan available [13813(1)]. <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Type(s) of medical waste produced.* <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Segregation, packaging, labeling, and collection procedures used.* <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Use and methods of on-site or off-site storage.* <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Use and methods of on-site or off-site decontamination.* <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Use of on-site or off-site incineration.* <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Name and address of solid waste hauler who collects and transports medical waste for the facility.* <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Use of sanitary landfills, cemeteries, and other final disposal sites.* <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Measures to minimize exposure of the facility's employees to infectious agents throughout the process of handling and disposing of the medical waste.* *Plan contents [13817]
Records	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Employee training records [Rule 7] <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Shipping/disposal records document proper method for waste type(s) and does not exceed 90 day storage rule <input type="checkbox"/> 15. If decontamination or sanitization done onsite, testing data and results demonstrating effectiveness [Rule 4]	
Remarks:	
*For additional information, please refer to the program Web site at www.michigan.gov/eglemedwaste .	