MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Medical Waste Producers Pocket Reference

Part 138 of Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) provides this Pocket Reference as a quick reference tool for owners and operators of medical waste producingfacilities.

This Pocket Reference is to be used as atool to evaluate compliance with the primary requirements of Part 138 of Act 368.

This Pocket Reference in no way replaces the need for owners and operators of medical waste producingfacilities to understand the law.

For more detail on the law, registration process, or medical waste handling:

Michigan.gov/EGLEMedWaste

For Questions or to Report Concerns About Medical Waste Handling Contact:

800-662-9278

MedicalWaste@Michigan.gov

Michigan.gov/EGLEMedWaste

Report an environmental emergency involving water, land, air, or improper disposal

24-hour Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS)

800-292-4706

Quick Compliance Reference

I. Regulated Medical Waste (MW) Includes:

- Cultures and stocks of infectious agents
- Human and animal blood and body fluids
- Sharps
- Pathological waste (organs, tissues, etc.)
- Contaminated animal waste infectious to humans

II. Certificate of Registration

Required for facilities that produce any volume of medical waste and expires every 3 years; renewal applications are sent automatically. Fees vary from $50 to $150 per renewal depending upon the facility type. Initial applications are also available for new applicants.

III. Medical Waste Management Plan

All medical waste producing facilities must list and describe the type(s) of medical waste produced and method(s) of packaging, storage, treatment, and disposal used for each medical waste type. Plan must be kept on the premises and made available to EGLE during inspections.

IV. Employee Safety & Record Of Training

Proper personal protective equipment and universal precautions should always be practiced to prevent risk of infection and exposure to employees. A record oftraining for all employees handling medical waste at the facility must be documented in accordance with the facility Medical Waste Management Plan and made available uponinspection for a minimum of 3 years.

V. Packaging & Storage

Appropriate bags, containers, and packaging should be in use at all times for proper medical waste segregation and safety. See Part 138 of Act 368. A list of disposal vendors is available at **Michigan.gov/EGLEMedwaste**. Medical waste may be stored at a producing facility no longer than 90 days (including sharps). The storage period begins on the date when the container use is initiated.

VI. Shipment Records

Documentation verifying regulated medical waste is removed from the facility and properly treated and disposed every 90 days must be made available upon inspection for a minimum of 3 years.