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ADDENDUM

TO: Professional/Medical Office Lessees

FROM: Andrew Shannon, Environmental Quality Analyst
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SUBJECT: Medical Waste Regulatory Program

The Medical Waste Regulatory Program is currently in the process of notifying medical facilities that are not currently registered as medical waste producing facilities in accordance with the Medical Waste Regulatory Act (MWRA), Part 138 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended. Our office receives many inquiries regarding lessees in medical or professional office buildings, specifically regarding what is required of these offices in terms of registration. Many private practice owners are under the assumption that they are not required to register because their medical waste stream is handled by a hospital or other large health facility that owns the property. This is not the case. These facilities, in fact, **are required** to register in accordance with the MWRA unless the facility is owned and operated by the leasing corporation (hospital, medical center, etc.).

If your facility is leasing space from a hospital or other leasing corporation and generating regulated medical waste, please complete and submit the enclosed application with the appropriate fee payable to the State of Michigan to the address located at the bottom left-hand side of the application form. **Please be aware that a facility that fails to register with the department or have a medical waste management plan available for inspection in compliance with sections 13813 and 13817 of the MWRA is subject to an administrative fine of \$500.00.**

If your facility does not need to register at this address or if you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 517-335-1146 or by e-mail at MedicalWaste@michigan.gov.

AS:JK
Enclosure