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SUBJECT: Local Health Department Pilot Program for Inspections

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division (WMRPD), wanted to inform you that your local health department may be contacting you to arrange for an inspection of your facility for compliance with Part 138, Medical Waste Regulatory Act, of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended.

A continuing pilot program is underway again this year to help determine whether the Medical Waste Regulatory Program can be more effective by collaborating with local health departments.

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

- Whether the facility's registration is consistent with the type of medical waste producer activity
- Whether the facility has a complete medical waste management plan
- Whether the medical waste is properly stored
- Whether the facility has records documenting staff training and medical waste shipments

Enclosed is an example of the inspection report form that will be used. After an inspection, you will be provided a copy of the completed inspection report that will include any recommendations from the inspector. No follow-up inspections by the local health departments are anticipated.

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 with the help of the experienced professionals at local health departments throughout Michigan.

If you have any questions or concerns about this pilot program, please contact me at 517-230-9800, shanna1@michigan.gov, or DEQ, Grand Rapids District Office, 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Enclosure



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
 OFFICE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION
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 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"/> 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	