



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### MICHIGAN DEQ LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT PILOT PROGRAM



The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has created a pilot program for select Michigan health departments in 2017. The health departments will be conducting inspections of local medical waste generators to ensure they are in compliance with Michigan regulations regarding medical waste disposal. The sample inspection sheet is located on the second page of the newsletter.

The inspectors for the health departments will be performing a brief tour of the facilities. Afterwards, they will ask several questions regarding the type of waste the facility produces and how the waste is separated. The inspectors will also want to know how the waste is stored and secured. They will also want to ensure storage of the waste does not exceed 90 days.

The next area the inspectors will look at is your training records which should include training for

Medical Waste Disposal and Bloodborne Pathogen training. HNHS provides this training as a value added service. The medical waste training is required every 3 years and the bloodborne pathogen training is required annually.

Inspectors will look at two other areas of your facility which are, a copy of your medical waste disposal manifests and medical waste management plan. The manifests are to be kept on file for 3 years. HNHS also maintains a copy of each facilities manifests. HNHS' previous newsletter reviewed our training information. We also provide a sample medical waste management plan on our website:

<http://www.hnv-hnhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Michigan-Medical-Waste-Sample-Management-Plan.doc>

### GREEN CORNER – HOSPITAL WASTE

**The majority of the materials procured by a hospital ultimately become waste, resulting in nearly 7,000 tons of waste every day and \$10 billion annually in disposal costs across the health care industry. By instituting waste management programs along with changes in material consumption patterns, a health care facility can reduce the amount of waste it generates and thus its waste handling and disposal costs as well as its environmental impact.**



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
<b>KEY: ✓ = Compliance   X= Noncompliance   N= Not Applicable</b>	
<p align="center"><b>Facility Type</b></p> <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 <b>facility type</b> match registration? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p align="center"><b>Types of Waste Produced:</b></p> <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
<p align="center"><b>Packaging, Storage, and Labeling</b></p> <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)].	<p align="center"><b>Medical Waste Management Plan</b></p> <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.* <b>*Plan contents [13817]:</b>
<p align="center"><b>Records</b></p> <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	