

Medical Waste Program Activated

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has announced that it is accepting registration applications and registration fees from medial waste producing facilities.

Section 13813 of the Medical Waste Regulatory Act of 1990 requires all “producing facilities,” which include any facility that generates, stores, decontaminates or incinerates medical waste, to register with the state. “Medical waste” is defined to include several categories of biological and pathological wastes that are not generated from a household, a farm operation or other agricultural business, a home for the aged or a home health care agency.

MDEQ announced that, effective May 1, 2003, it would begin accepting registrations under from medial waste producing facilities. The program had been inactive for several years.

Within 90 days after registering, each producing facility must prepare a written medial waste management plan containing information relating to the handling of all medical waste generated, stored, decontaminated, or incinerated at each producing facility or transported from the producing facility for handling by another facility.

The Medical Waste Regulatory Act prescribes registration fees of \$50 for producing facilities that are private practice offices with fewer than four licensed medical professionals and \$80 for producing facilities that are private practice offices with four or more licensed medial professionals. Hospitals with 150 or more licensed beds and clinical laboratories must pay a registration fee of \$150 and other producing facilities must pay a registration fee of \$75.

Upon receipt of an administratively complete registration application and the required fee, MDEQ will issue a certificate of registration. The fee proceeds will be deposited in the state’s medical waste emergency response fund.

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