

Reclamation Manual

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Checklist 12

MEDICAL WASTE CHECKLIST

Site/Facility: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

EPA I.D.: _____

Use this checklist if the facility has a medical office or nurse station.

Medical Waste Checklist				
INSPECTION ITEM	CITE	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Does your facility have onsite either mobile or fixed facility emergency medical services?	29 CFR 1910.120			
Does the onsite emergency medical services generate any of the following categories of medical waste:	49 CFR § 173.134			
• Isolation Waste?				
• Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals?				
• Human blood and blood products?				
• Pathological waste?				
• Contaminated sharps?				
• Contaminated animal carcasses, body parts, and bedding?				
• Wastes from surgery?				
• Contaminated laboratory wastes?				
• Dialysis unit wastes?				
• Contaminated equipment?				

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INSPECTION ITEM	CITE	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Is medical waste segregated from other waste streams (e.g., hazardous waste, radiological waste, and general waste) generated at your facility?	49 CFR 174.81; 176.83; 177			
Are medical waste containers properly labeled from other waste collection containers?	49 CFR 172.323			
Is medical waste collected in "RED" bags and properly labeled?	49 CFR 172.323			
Have employees been trained in the management of medical waste?	29 CFR 1910.120			
Have employees been trained in blood borne pathogens?	29 CFR 1910.1030			
How is medical waste stored, if not removed from the premises for treatment and disposal?	49 CFR 173.197			
Is the storage facility refrigerated?	BMP			
What is the method of treatment used?	BMP			
How is medical waste transported within the facility?	49 CFR 172.323; 173.134; 173.197			
Who is responsible for the collection and transport of medical waste in the facility?				
Are these employees or contract staff, e.g., janitorial staff?				
Have these employees or contract staff been trained in the management of medical waste?	29 CFR 1910.120			
Have these employees or contract staff been trained in blood borne pathogen?	29 CFR 1910.1030			
Is treated medical waste shipped to a special permitted disposal facility or landfill?	40 CFR 270 264 265 268			

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INSPECTION ITEM	CITE	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Is the transporter permitted to transport medical waste?	40 CFR 263			
Have the credentials of the transporter been investigated and approved?	40 CFR 263			
Have the credentials of the receiving disposal facility been investigated and approved?	40 CFR 270 264 265 268			
Do employees or contract staff utilize universal precautions when handling and transporting medical waste?	BMP			
Have employees and contract staff been offered the Hepatitis B series vaccinations?	29 CFR 1910.1030			
Is there a blood borne pathogen management program (e.g., exposure control plan) in place?	29 CFR 1910.1030			
How are needle sticks and other injuries associated with medical waste handled and storage addressed?	29 CFR 1910.1030			
Are employees and/or contract staff responsible for the handling and transport of medical waste provided with appropriate PPE?	29 CFR 1910.120			

Comments: _____
