ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LAND DIVISION – MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 335-17-7 DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE

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335-17-7-.02 Disposal Of Treated Medical Waste.

(1) Disposal of treated medical waste must be in accordance with 335-13. Treated medical waste must be processed and packaged to meet the requirements of 335-17-6-.01 before disposal.

(2) Treated medical waste sent for disposal shall be accompanied by:

(a) Written certification from the medical waste treater certifying that the medical waste has been properly treated in accordance with 335-17-6-.01.

1. The minimum frequency for providing this certification shall be annually. The treater shall be responsible for providing this certification.

2. The disposal facility or the Department may require more frequent certification.

(i) Certifications provided on a per-1oad basis shall be made available to the disposal facility or the designee prior to unloading.

(ii) Certifications required more frequently than yearly, but less frequently than a per-1oad basis, shall be provided as required by the disposal facility or the Department.

(3) Requirements for disposal in an approved solid waste disposal facility shall include the following:

(a) Each permittee of a solid waste disposal facility shall maintain records in a format approved by the Department for each transporter of medical waste who utilizes their facility.

(b) All records shall be maintained by the permittee for at least three (3) years and shall be available upon request for review by the Department.

(c) No untreated medical waste shall be accepted for disposal.

1. Packaging, as required in 335-17-3-.02, shall not be accepted for disposal without a variance, as outlined in 335-17-9, being granted by the Department.

2. Containers showing signs of leakage or spillage shall not be accepted.

(d) Medical waste properly treated shall be placed directly in the active face for putrescibles and managed accordingly.
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