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Environmental Standard Operating Procedures (ESOP)

Title: ESOP 4.7 - REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE (RMW)

Purpose: This ESOP establishes the responsibilities for the unit/department-level working with Regulated Medical Waste (RMW).

Applicability: This section is applicable to all organizations aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune to include: any command, active or reserve component; staff organization; or supporting agency which is affiliated with the United States Marine Corps, Department of the Navy, or Department of Defense.

Responsibility: Personnel assigned within RMW areas.

Responsibilities:

1. Ensure Installation and command management requirements, as outlined in Defense Health Agency-Procedures Manual (DHA-PM) 6050.01, are implemented for each type of RMW routinely collected and managed for disposal.
2. Ensure only authorized, properly trained, and supervised personnel are allowed to handle RMW or perform associated inspections and recordkeeping.
3. Schedule training for each newly assigned personnel through their cognizant Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC).
4. In the event of a RMW spill, ensure cleanup is conducted by trained personnel only and is in accordance with OSHA standards and the unit's Unit Level Contingency Plan. Make notification of spill to the ECC/Assistant Environmental Compliance Coordinator (AECC).
5. Provide instructions and supervision required to ensure all RMW disposal activities are carried out in compliance with this DHA-PM 6050.01.
6. Ensure that all RMWs are managed in a manner that prevents contamination, damage, vandalism, fires, spills, explosions, or other situations likely to pose a hazard to human health or the environment.
7. Ensure containers of RMW are confined to authorized and approved accumulation areas.

References:

1. 15A NCAC 13B.1200
2. Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune Medical Waste Management Plan
3. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5090.9A
4. DHA-PM 6050.01

Training:

1. All personnel assigned to RMW areas must receive training (EM-109 MW Training) within 90 days of assignment.

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2. Employees assigned to tasks where exposure may occur will receive Bloodborne Pathogen training upon initial assignment and annually thereafter.

3. All training must be documented in the individual's environmental training record and be available for review (EMD form 27) and must be retained for at least seven (7) years for military personnel and 30 years for civilian personnel.