PROGRAM SECTION V --- Regulated Medical Waste

1. Regulatory Citation

   This Program Section for the management of Regulated Medical Waste has been developed to comply with 10 NYCRR 70 and 6 NYCR 360.

2. Applicability

   The program Section was developed specifically for the operations of the Departments listed below at the locations indicated which generate wastes for the reasons indicated.

   Health Center – Blood contaminated wastes and sharps resulting from the administering of medical treatment.

   Rose Hill – Millenium Hall – Lower Level
   Lincoln Center – McMahon Hall – Rm. 203

   Biology – Animal waste resulting from research and experimentation.

   Rose Hill - Larkin Hall

   Emergency Medical Service (FUEMS) - Blood contaminated wastes and sharps resulting from the administering of first aid.

   Rose Hill – Alumni Court South – BSMT

3. Registration and reporting requirements

   There are no registration or reporting requirements for Regulated Medical Waste.

4. Waste Analysis

   None other than the identification of the items as Regulated Medical Waste. The definitions contained in 10 NYCRR Part 70 and the NYSDOH guidance document entitled “Managing Regulated Medical Waste” should be used to ensure that the amount of waste disposed of as Regulated Medical Waste is minimized.

5. Management

   a. Administration

      Compliance with the requirements of this program is the responsibility of the individuals filling the below listed positions or any successor to these positions.
The Program Administrator will inspect, audit and advise these Department representatives.

b. Storage

Regulated medical Waste is accumulated in red bags and sharps containers. All these bags/containers must be marked either with the universal warning sign or the word “Biohazard”. When full, they are to be placed in a shipping container provided by the licensed Regulated Medical Waste transporter used by each department. The shipping container must be stored in a locked room or cabinet which is prominently marked with either the universal warning sign or the word “Biohazard”. When the shipping container is full, the transporter should be contacted to make a pick-up. FUEMS does not store RMW. Through arrangements with local hospitals, any RMW generated by FUEMS during patient treatment is left at the local hospital to which the patient is transported.

c. Training

All persons involved in the handling of Regulated Medical Waste must receive annual training in this procedure, the use of universal precautions and exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens as required by 29 CFR 1910.1030.

d. Record Keeping

A Medical Waste Tracking Form is to be completed for each off-site shipment. These forms must be retained for a period of three (3) years and made available for examination by NYSDEC and NYSDOH staff upon request. Records of training administered should also be retained for a period of three (3) years.

e. Disposal

All Regulated Medical Waste must be picked up by a licensed transporter for disposal at a licensed treatment or disposal facility. The waste must be packed in an appropriate container provided by the transporter and marked with the universal warning sign or the word “Biohazard”.

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