



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
 COMPLIANCE AND PERMITTING SECTION
 302-739-9403

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO USE THE SHARPS MAIL-BACK PROGRAM

GENERATOR INFORMATION	
DE-IWG - _____	
Name of Infectious Waste Generator: (Include Company & Specific Site Name) _____	
Site Location Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Generator Contact Person: _____	
Job Title: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Fax Number: _____	Email: _____
TYPE OF INFECTIOUS WASTE PERMITTED FOR MAIL-BACK	
<i>SHARPS ONLY. This program does not allow for the transport of biological liquid waste, pathological waste, cultures and stocks of etiological agents & associated waste, laboratory waste, animal tissue/bedding or other waste, human dialysis waste OR any other non-Sharp's infectious waste. (Delaware's Regulations Governing Solid Waste (DRGSW) §11.14).</i>	
WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY DETAILS	
Name of Infectious Waste Disposal Facility: (Include Company & Specific Site Name) _____	
Site Location Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Waste Disposal Facility Contact Person: _____	
Job Title: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Fax Number: _____	Email: _____
CERTIFICATION - Must be completed by infectious waste generator or duly authorized agent	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I certify that the site is a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) of infectious waste (generating less than 50 pounds per calendar month). The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) will be notified in writing within ten (10) working days should there be any changes to this status. • I certify that I have read and understood the requirements stated in DRGSW §11.14 in relation to transporter exemption requirements, including but not limited to, that the United States Postal Service (USPS) and United Parcel Service (UPS) may transport solely sharps without obtaining a solid waste transporter permit provided that the sharps being transported are only generated by a SQG of infectious waste who has obtained prior written approval from the Department, the total shipment per generator does not exceed 35 pounds by weight; and the shipment is documented by a manifest or other shipping record illustrating receipt at an appropriate disposal facility. • I certify that the information contained herein is true and complete. I understand that in the event of any false or fraudulent information in the application or failure to operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations enforcement actions may be sought by the Department. 	
Applicant Name: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS FORM ONLY

DEFINITIONS

1. **Infectious Waste** – those solid wastes which may cause human disease and may reasonably be suspected of harboring human pathogenic organisms, or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed.
2. **Biological Liquid Waste** – blood and blood products, excretions, exudates, secretions, suctionings and other body fluids including liquid wastes from renal dialysis.
3. **Pathological Waste** – all human tissues and anatomical remains, including human fetal remains, which emanate from surgery, obstetrical procedures, autopsy and laboratory procedures.
4. **Cultures & Stocks of Etiologic Agents & Associated Waste** – includes, but is not limited to, specimen cultures, cultures and stocks of etiologic agents and wastes from production biologicals and serums.
5. **Laboratory Waste** – those wastes which have come in contact with pathogenic organisms or blood or body fluids. Such wastes include, but are not limited to, disposable materials; culture dishes; devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures; paper and cloth which has come in contact with specimens or cultures which have not been sterilized or rendered noninfectious; or laboratory wastes, including cultures of etiologic agents, which pose a substantial threat to health due to their volume and virulence.
6. **Animal Tissue, Bedding or Other Waste** – from animals known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen, which also cause human disease, provided that prevailing evidence indicates that such tissue, bedding or other waste may act as a vehicle of transmission to humans.
7. **Human Dialysis Waste Materials** – includes blood lines and dialysate membranes.
8. **Sharps** – any discarded article that may cause puncture or cuts. Such wastes include but are not limited to, needles, intravenous (IV) tubing with needles attached, scalpel blades, glassware and syringes that have been removed from their original sterile containers.
9. **Other Infectious Waste** – any residue or contaminated soil, water or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill of any infectious waste.
10. **Small Quantity Generator** – a private practice physician, dentist, veterinarian and any other facility in which three or fewer professionals are in practice and generates less than 50 pounds per month; or a generator who can demonstrate that their facility generates less than 50 pounds per month of infectious waste.
11. **Large Quantity Generator** – hospital, in- or out-patient clinics, laboratories, medical offices, dental offices, nursing homes, veterinarian facilities, research laboratories and in-patient residential facilities serving persons with diseases which may be transmitted through contact with infectious waste that generates more than 50 pounds of infectious waste in any given month of a calendar year.