

# ADEM

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## MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System

**FACILITY NAME:** Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System

**FACILITY LOCATION:** 700 South 19th Street, Birmingham, AL 35040

**TREATMENT METHOD:** Steam Sterilization

**PERMIT NUMBER:** TRTS-122894-3702

**WASTE APPROVED FOR TREATMENT:** All medical waste defined in Rule 335-17-1-02 of the ADEM Administrative Code that are recommended by the equipment manufacturer.

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Solid Wastes and Recyclable Materials Management Act, as amended, Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-27-1 to §§22-27-27, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, as amended, Code of Alabama 1975, §§22-22A-1 to 22-22A-15, and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, and subject to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to treat the approved medical wastes by the approved treatment method within the State of Alabama.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
**EXPIRATION DATE:**

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Alabama Department of Environmental Management

## **Part I – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Reporting**

All reports, notifications, or other submissions, which are required by this permit should be sent by certified mail or given to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Land Division – Environmental Services Branch  
P. O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

### **B. Definitions**

For purposes of this permit, terms used herein shall have the same meaning as those in ADEM Admin. Code chap. 335-17-1 unless this permit specifically provides otherwise; where terms are not defined in the regulations or the permit, the meaning associated with such terms shall be defined by a standard dictionary reference or the generally accepted scientific or industrial meaning of the term.

## **PART II – TREATMENT FACILITY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The permittee shall comply with the submitted medical waste management plan and the requirements of ADEM Admin. Code rs. 335-17-4-.01, 4-.02, 6-.01, 7-.01, and 7-.02. All agents and employees of the permittee shall be familiar with the permittee's medical waste management plan and the requirements of ADEM Admin. Code div. 335-17.
- B. Prior to any anticipated change or addition of the treatment method or the acceptance of any waste type not specified in this permit, the permittee shall make written application to the Director for modification of this permit. No action may be taken on such changes by the permittee prior to approval of the permit modification.
- C. If, for any reason, the permittee does not comply with or will be unable to comply with the provisions of this permit or the applicable requirements of Division 335-17 of the ADEM Administrative Code, the permittee shall provide the Chief of the Land Division with the following information, in writing, within five days of becoming aware of such conditions:
  - 1. A descriptive account of the item(s) causing non-compliance.

2. The period of non-compliance, including dates and times, or, if not corrected, the anticipated time the non-compliance is expected to be corrected and steps being taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the non-complying item.
- D. The permittee shall allow, at all reasonable times, representatives of the Division, upon presentation of credentials, to enter the permittee's premises or any place where records are required to be kept for the purpose of inspection to ensure compliance with the applicable regulations and the conditions of this permit. At all reasonable times, representatives of the Division shall be allowed access to and the right to copy all records required by Alabama's Medical Waste Program Regulations (hereinafter called Regulations) and the conditions of this permit. All inspection reports and other data collected shall be available for public inspection unless the permittee makes a proper showing that such information should be considered confidential.

### **PART III – PERMIT ACTIONS**

#### **A. Permit Revocation**

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management may revoke any permit according to the procedures and for the causes listed in Rule 335-17-8-.06 of the Regulations.

#### **B. Permit Severability**

The provisions of this permit are severable and if any provisions of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, are held invalid, the application of such provision to the other circumstances and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

#### **C. Permit Modification**

1. Permit modifications shall be required at least 90 days prior to anticipated change utilizing forms designated by the Division when permittee proposes to modify its operation in any of the following ways:
  - a. The addition of any treatment method.
  - b. The types of wastes to be treated are changed.
2. The permittee shall receive approval from the Department prior to implementing any modification.

**D. Transfer of Permits**

Permits are not transferable from one person to another except as provided by Rule 335-17-8-.05(2). of the Regulations.

**PART IV – EFFECT OF PERMIT**

- A. Issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege.
- B. The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights or any infringement of Federal, State of Alabama, or local laws or regulations or preclude the institution of any legal action for violation of such laws or regulations.

**PART V – PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- A. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

**PART VI – STATE LAWS**

- A. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state laws or regulations.

**PART VII – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Written certification that all medical waste has been treated prior to placing the waste in a designated location for transport to an approved solid waste disposal facility shall be submitted to the Department on a yearly basis.
- B. Each treatment unit shall be evaluated for effectiveness under full loading by an approved method at least once for each 40 hours of combined operation.
- C. Maintain a written log for each treatment unit noting the following for each cycle: the operating parameters; date; time and duration; operator's name; approximate weight or volume treated.
- D. Dates and results of calibration and maintenance of equipment utilized.

- E. All records shall be maintained for a period of at least three years from date created or from the time contested by the Department and shall be available upon request for review by the Department.
- F. Prior to disposal all sharps and anatomical medical waste must be rendered unrecognizable prior to containment for shipment to a disposal facility or place of interment.
- G. Only approved technologies and equipment shall be utilized by the permittee.
- H. All information submitted to the Department must be true, complete and accurate.

**PART VIII – Permit Variance**

None.