

2.18 SPECIAL MEDICAL WASTE HAULER AND VEHICLE CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

- Question: Do I drop off or pick up special medical waste in Maryland? **OR**
- Question: Do I generate 50 pounds or more of special medical waste a month or accumulate more than 50 pounds of special medical waste?

Why do I need this approval?

To ensure the safe transport of medical wastes within Maryland, the Department regulates the movements of medical wastes by certifying haulers and vehicles.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Environment Article, Title 7, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.13.11, 26.13.12 and 26.13.13.

What is the process to get this approval?

Generators:

1) Applicant submits a Notification of Special Medical Waste (SMW) Activity Form (see website for form).

2) Department assigns a special medical waste Id number to the site. Hauler/Vehicle:

1) Applicant submits a Special Medical Waste (SMW) Hauler Application, a SMW vehicle application for each vehicle with supporting documents and the fee (see website for forms).

2) The Department reviews the application and issues or denies the certificate.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: Applications must include:

1) Annual Vehicle Inspection Certificates from a licensed inspection station approved by the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles or other State agency;

3) Proof of liability insurance (certificate of insurance);

4) List of customers;

5) List of destination facilities where approval has been received;

6) List of any environmental violations;

7) Vehicle List (must be in .xls Format); and

8) \$10,000 bond or letter of credit.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days for an Identification Number

60 days for Hauler/Vehicle Certification

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Identification Number is assigned to the site address for life

Annual (12 month period) Hauler/Vehicle Certification

How much will this approval cost?

\$50 annually for each vehicle (12 month period)

Identification number for SMW generator: no fee

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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