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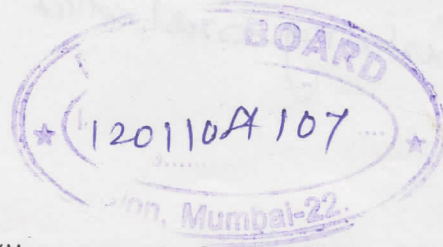
MOST IMPORTANT

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To

Member Secretary
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
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Sub: Implementation of Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 & amendments made thereof - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to the recent fire accident occurred in Advanced Medicare & Research Institute (AMRI), Kolkata, on 10.12.2011. It is understood from the news item published in the leading national news papers including 'Times of India' dated 11.12.2011 that the tragedy happened mainly due to the non-functioning of the smoke detectors or fire protection equipment in time within the afore-said Health Care Facility (HCF).

To avoid happening of such incidences in future and to ensure timely action within the HCFs, it is suggested that all the HCFs in your State/UT be suggested to have adequate fire protection equipment (such as 'smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sand bucket, fire alarm, water sprinklers etc.) at salient places within the HCFs, even at bio-medical waste storage area, in accordance with the fire safety regulations. The fire safety aspects like requirement of certificate from 'fire department' may be incorporated or imposed under the conditions of authorisation to be issued under the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 as amended.

Yours faithfully,

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