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Sub: Guidelines for "Handling of BMW for Utilization"- Reg...

- Ref:**
1. Guidelines published by the CPCB on Feb-2019.
 2. CPCB letter dated 15/9/2020
 3. Decision of CAC meeting dated 06.11.2020.

Health Care Establishments (HCE) were made mandatory to obtain Authorization under Bio Medical Waste (M & H) Rule 1998 and amendment thereof. Subsequently, as per the CPCB direction dated 04.06.2012 and 07.03.2016, HCE were included in consent management regime and was made mandatory to obtain consent to Establish/operate under the provision of the Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P& CP) Act, 1981 & Authorization under BMW Rule.

Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 (BMW Rules, 2016) Notified by Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change in March, 2016, stipulates that, every Healthcare Facility shall take all necessary steps to ensure that, biomedical waste is handled without any adverse effect to human health and the environment

Recently, the CPCB has issued guidelines for handling of BMW vide dated 11.03.2019, further CPCB has issued guidelines vide letter dated 25.03.2019 for handing over BMW such as pleural fluid, ascetic fluid, HBsAG positive blood, placenta etc to various Pharmaceutical industries. **They have also mentioned that PCC/SPCB's shall facilitate the firms engaged in utilization of BMW for above purposes vide letter dated 15.09.2020.**

The Consent Appraisal Committee (CAC) in its meeting dated 06.11.2020 deliberated on above issue in details and was decided to implement the above direction of the CPCB by amending consent by imposing following conditions:

1. HCEs shall **preferably** handover Bio-medical wastes such as pleural fluid, ascetic fluid, HBsAG positive blood, placenta etc. to the Pharmaceutical industry / Biotechnology firms for production of drugs, reagent chemicals, markers, etc, if any such Pharmaceutical industry / Biotechnology firms approaches them for the same. If there are any difficulties in the matter, the same may be communicated to such firm and copied to the Board also.
2. HCEs shall strictly follow the procedure for packaging & transportation of Bio-medical wastes such as pleural fluid, ascetic fluid, HBsAG positive blood, placenta etc. to the Pharmaceutical industry / Biotechnology firms as per the guidelines of CPCB published in Feb- 2019 for "Handling of BMW for utilization".
3. HCEs shall submit the report to the Board office about type, quantity and frequency of handling over such BMW on yearly basis.
4. Industry to enter into legal agreement with HCE's and inform the MPC Board and competent authority of State Public Health Department about such collection of BMW along with quantity and type of waste collected.

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5. In case of any technical difficulty towards handing over the required BMW then, you shall inform to the Board accordingly.
6. HCEs shall properly dispose and handover the waste to authorised user / facilities having valid consent to operate from MPCB.

In view of above, and as per the decision of Consent Appraisal Committee, all the CCA granting authorities shall amend the combined Consent and BMW Authorization of all the HCEs of the state within 30 days by incorporating above conditions.



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