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February 16, 2016

TO: All Medical and Pharmaceutical Waste Generators

RE: Senate Bill 225- Update to California Medical Waste Management Act

Dear Medical Waste Facility Operator:

This letter is being sent to inform you of changes in State law that may affect your business.

On September 28, 2015 the Governor signed Senate Bill 225 (SB 225) which amended sections 117630, 117904, 117943, 117945, 117975, 118032, 118040, 118275, and 118345 of the Medical Waste Management Act.

Effective immediately, SB 225 made changes to the following areas:

- New standards for bio-hazardous "red" bags
- Revised requirements for maintenance of shipping/tracking documents
- Revised wording for labeling of pharmaceutical waste containers
- Removal of references to US DOT shipping documents

The California Department of Public Health detailed these changes in a letter sent to all local Health Departments. **A copy of that letter is enclosed for your use.**

During our routine inspections Environmental Health staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance to obtain compliance with these new regulations.

Please contact Maria Ferdin at (831) 755-8915 or at Ferdinme@co.monterey.ca.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Mark Dias".

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