WHEREAS, M/s. Institute of Reproductive Medicine (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit) located at 18/5/1, Block – DD, Sector – I, Salt Lake, P.O & P.S. Bidhannagar, Pin-700064 is a 15 bedded nursing home.

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit (HCU) was inspected by the official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 12/03/2018. Bed occupancy during visit was seven (7). The observations made during inspection are as follows:

- The bins near the patient’s bed do not have any blue/yellow/red/black plastic bag in them.
- Mutilation of disposable syringes and saline bottles are not done.
- No needle cutter was available. No container for waste sharps was observed.
- Sweepers collect biomedical wastes from the wards and keep them in plastic drums alongwith the drums containing domestic wastes in open area.
- No intermediate storage room for bio-medical waste exists.
- Few empty red and yellow bags in packed condition were found inside the D.G.room.
- Nurses and sweepers were not conversant with the provisions of BMW Rules.
- As reported, bio-medical wastes are disposed through Medicare Environment Management Pvt. Ltd. But no documentary evidence could be produced during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, similar observation was made during inspection on 03/06/2014; the HCU was called for hearing and direction was issued. But recent inspection reveals that the unit has completely disobeyed Board’s direction.

AND WHEREAS, Consent to Operate of the HCU is valid upto 31/10/2018. BMW Authorisation is valid upto 31/10/2022.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a hearing on 12/04/2018 at the Head Office of the Board for violation of environmental norms as well as Board’s directions as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the HCU appeared in the hearing and submitted that they would take necessary steps within one month for complying with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the HCU, M/s. Institute of Reproductive Medicine located at 18/5/1, Block – DD, Sector – I, Salt Lake, P.O & P.S. Bidhannagar, Pin-700064 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the HCU shall take necessary measures within May, 2018 to comply with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

2. That, the HCU shall ensure segregation of different categories of bio-medical wastes at source and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW Rules, 2016.
3. **That**, the HCU shall mutilate used disposable needles/syringes before disposal. All the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles shall be mutilated before disposal.

4. **That**, the HCU shall keep the biomedical wastes in an intermediate storage room with bio-hazard symbol.

5. **That**, the HCU shall make a provision within the premises for a safe, ventilated and secured location for storage of segregated biomedical waste in colored bags or containers in the manner as specified in Schedule I of BMW Rules, 2016, to ensure that there shall be no secondary handling, pilferage of recyclables or inadvertent scattering or spillage.

6. **That**, the HCU shall properly maintain bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

7. **That**, the HCU shall arrange training for its nurses and staffs engaged in handling of biomedical wastes in consultation with the operator of the common bio-medical wastes TSDF.

8. **That**, the HCU shall submit a compliance report to the Board in regard to the above directions within 31st May, 2018.

The Salt Lake regional office of the Board is requested to conduct further inspection of the HCU after May, 2018 and if the HCU is found running violating the Board’s direction, the Board will be compelled to issue Notice for Closure without further reference.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

Sr. Environmental Engineer & In-Charge
Operation and Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board