DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Institute of Reproductive Medicine (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 18/5/1, Block DD, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 064 is a 15 bedded Health Care Unit (HCU).

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 03/06/2014 by official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Bins were provided at every ward, but no blue/yellow/black plastic bags were observed. Wastes are thrown indiscriminately in the bins.
- Mutilation of disposable syringes and saline bottles was not done before disposal.
- The HCU had no intermediate bio-medical storage room; bio-medical wastes were stored in a plastic drum inside the unit.
- Nurses and Group D staffs handling the bio-medical wastes were not conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW Rules.
- No bio-medical waste generation record was found to be maintained.
- No document related to disposal of bio-medical waste through CBMWTD could be shown during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the HCU is valid up to 31/10/2015 and BMW authorization expired on 31/07/2014

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 25/09/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the Manager of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they would take necessary steps to achieve total compliance of BMW rules within a month.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Institute of Reproductive Medicine located at 18/5/1, Block DD, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 064 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the HCU shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

2. That, the HCU shall segregate different categories of bio-medical wastes at the point of generation and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW rules.

3. That, the HCU shall properly maintain record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.
4. **That**, the HCU shall arrange for intermediate bio-medical storage room with lock & key facility and provide weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

5. **That**, the HCU shall dispose all the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles after puncturing the same.

6. **That**, the HCU shall arrange a training programme regarding handling of the bio-medical wastes for its staffs involving the common TSDF operator.

7. **That**, the HCU shall submit Annual Return in Form No.-II within 31st January every year as per the provisions of the rules.

The Salt Lake Regional office of the Board shall conduct an inspection of the HCU to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. If the HCU is again found non-complying, strict regulatory action like issuance of Notice for Closure may be initiated.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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Chief Engineer  
Operation & Execution Cell  
West Bengal Pollution Control Board