



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS M/s. Health Etc. (a unit of M/s. Daffodil Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd.) [hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit (HCU)] located at F/F-12, Hatiara Road, P.O.- Jyangra, P.S.- Baguiati, Kolkata – 700 059 is a pathological testing laboratory.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 24/06/2014 by the official of **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The HCU is housed within basement, ground floor and 1st floor of a housing complex. The following observations were made during inspection:-

- The HCU has one room for collection of pathological samples and within this room the HCU has made arrangement for segregation of bio-medical wastes.
- Used needles and disposable syringes, contaminated cotton and general wastes like plastic & paper covers were found to be kept into blue, yellow & black coloured plastic bags respectively. All bags were found to be placed in a plastic container.
- The HCU has mutilation instrument at the sample collection room which could be used as per requirement.
- Poster containing Bio Medical Waste (BMW) segregation guideline was found to be pasted in a wall of the said room.
- The HCU has no separate bio-medical waste storage room with bio-hazard symbol. Bio-medical waste has been kept in an open room at its ground floor in a plastic container.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ of the HCU is valid up to 31/07/2018.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 24/07/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of the HCU appearing in the hearing submitted that they would strictly follow the segregation of bio-medical waste in colour coded bags and provide an intermediate bio-medical waste storage room with bio-hazard symbol. He also submitted that they would take necessary measures regarding maintaining bio-medical waste generation register and manifest, arranging lock and key for the intermediate BMW storage room & weighing machine to check weight of waste before handing over to TSDF.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, **M/s. Health Etc. (a unit of M/s. Daffodil Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd.)** located at F/F-12, Hatiara Road, P.O.- Jyangra, P.S.- Baguiati, Kolkata – 700059 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 will 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 bio medical waste generation register and manifest.
4. **That**, the HCU shall arrange lock and key for the BMW intermediate storage room & weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

The HCU will comply with the above directions by September 2014. Environmental Engineer, Salt Lake Regional Office of the State Board is requested to inspect the HCU after 30th September 2014 to verify the status of compliance and if the HCU is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory order may be issued.

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,

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board