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SUBJECT: Status of Isolyser Sharps Management System (SMS) as an Alternative Medical Waste Treatment Technology

This memorandum is to inform you that on June 23, 2014, the California Department of Public Health, Medical Waste Management Program (DPH) reached a Settlement Agreement with Waste and Compliance Management, Inc. (WCM) regarding the approved use of their Isolyser/SMS product.

The Isolyser/SMS product, as currently formulated, is listed as an approved product on DPH's Alternative Medical Waste Treatment Technologies List for the treatment of all sharps, except for sharps used to aspirate biological fluids. The Isolyser SMS product is also approved for the treatment of sharps used for injections.

In addition, WCM will be adding the following advisory label to all newly manufactured and existing Isolyser SMS products in its possession: "California Users: Approved for the treatment of all sharps, except for sharps used to aspirate biological fluids."

DPH has also made changes to the format of the Alternative Medical Waste Treatment Technologies List on its website to reflect or be consistent with the aforementioned changes. More specifically, the asterisk at the end of the word "sharps" in the "Approved for" column has been removed along with its referenced statement that was formerly present at the bottom of the table. The description in the "Approved for" column was changed and now reads "Sharps: Approved for the treatment of all sharps, except sharps used to aspirate biological fluids."

Should you have any questions or need additional information / clarification regarding this memorandum, please contact Ronald Pilorin, Chief of the Emergency, Restoration, and Waste Management Section at (916) 449-5664 or via email at Ronald.Pilorin@cdph.ca.gov.