



County of Sacramento

October 10, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: IMPACTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 333 ON THE LIMITED QUANTITY HAULING EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) acts as the enforcement agency for the Medical Waste Management Act in Sacramento County, on behalf of the California Department of Public Health. On September 25, 2014, Assembly Bill 333 (AB 333) was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State. AB 333 amends multiple sections of the Medical Waste Management Act (MWMA).

Upon review and analysis of AB 333, EMD has determined that the Limited Quantity Hauling Exemption program will be impacted as follows, beginning on January 1, 2015:

EMD will no longer issue Limited Quantity Hauling Exemptions (LQHE). Medical waste generating facilities may transport up to 35.2 pounds of medical waste, pursuant to the Materials of Trade Exemption contained in Section 173.6 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (MWMA Sections 117946 & 117976). There is no requirement to register with EMD for the Materials of Trade Exemption. If you have already received a letter instructing you to apply for an LQHE for 2015, please disregard that notice.

Additional information and updates will be posted to EMD's website at:

<http://www.emd.saccounty.net/EnvComp/MedWaste/MedWaste.html>

Please note that there are additional changes to the MWMA as a result of AB 333, the full text of the bill may be viewed at:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml>.

Please contact me at (916) 875-8468 or GibsonLea@saccounty.net with any questions concerning the Medical Waste program. You may also contact Victoria Pena at (916) 876-8870 or PenaV@saccounty.net, or Lisa Jameson, Program Supervisor, at (916) 876-7883 or JamesonL@saccounty.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lea Gibson".

Lea Gibson
Environmental Specialist, Medical Waste Program

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