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Ms. Amy Houpey  
Director of Hospitality Services  
McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital  
110 North Poplar Street  
Oxford, Ohio 45056

**Re: McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital, Butler County,  
Quarterly Autoclave Inspection Correspondence**

Dear Ms. Houpey:

On October 21, 2009, Maria Lammers and I, representing Ohio EPA, Southwest District Office (SWDO), met with Melissa Spencer and you in order to conduct a comprehensive quarterly autoclave treatment facility inspection, including the associated record keeping, at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital located in Butler County, Ohio.

The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio's Infectious Waste Regulations. The autoclaving unit and records were inspected for compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-32, Standards for the Operation of Infectious Waste Treatment Facilities. The Facility also operates as a large generator of infectious waste and also must comply with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-30, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

Maria and I inspected the autoclave treatment unit, the infectious waste handling areas, infectious waste storage areas, spill kit and procedures, conducted a complete records review including treatment shipping paperwork, disposal papers, temperature recording charts, quality assurance logs, daily logs, and maintenance and calibration records and checked for a valid registration certificate.

During the inspection of the treatment shipping papers, the white copy of the treatment shipping paper, dated August 18, 2009, was missing. The invoice number of the treatment shipping paper is MDMNOO7683. Since this paper was not returned within forty-five days of treatment, this is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-33 (B)(6) which states:

*"The treatment shipping paper...Be returned to the generator within forty-five days of treatment of the waste at a treatment facility. If the copy is not returned then a legible copy of the original shipping paper and a brief letter outlining the generator's efforts to locate the waste shall be submitted to the board of health having jurisdiction and to the Ohio EPA..."*

**Please contact me within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, regarding the progress of returning to compliance.**

Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter shall not relieve you of your obligation to comply with other legal obligations, including, but not limited to, Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734 or 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

Ohio EPA is available to provide any training needs that you and your staff may need regarding Ohio EPA's Infectious Waste Rules and Regulations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (937) 285-6647.

Sincerely,



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cc: Butler County Health Department -Chief of Environmental Services

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