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Re: Blanchard Valley OB/GYN  
Infectious Waste Inspection  
Hancock County

September 7, 2007

Mr. Willis Busey  
Blanchard Valley OB/GYN  
1818 Chapel Drive, Suite C  
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Mr. Busey:

On August 20, 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) completed an inspection at Blanchard Valley OB/GYN (Facility). This facility is a registered large quantity generator of infectious waste and must meet the standards set forth in Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). I represented Ohio EPA and Shirley Byal and you represented the Facility during the inspection.

The initial phase of the inspection consisted of an examination of the infectious waste storage room. This represents the only infectious waste storage room for the Facility. The door was appropriately labeled with the biohazard symbol.

A review of the treatment shipping papers was also conducted. The treatment shipping papers were inspected and found to be in order.

The spill kit was inspected. The kit is located on the top shelves of a cabinet in the procedure room. The spill kit has all the required components, as outlined in OAC 3745-27-30(B)(11), except for a disinfectant. The Facility's spill procedure states that bleach will be kept on hand for use as a disinfectant. Bleach could not be located on the day of the inspection. **Blanchard Valley OB/GYN is in violation of OAC 3745-27-30(B)(11) for failure to have all components of a spill kit.** Please ensure bleach is on hand at all times.

The spill containment and clean-up policy was reviewed. The format and body of this policy was in compliance with the rules.

Numerous examination rooms were inspected for appropriate sharps containers and storage. All of the areas were in compliance. Sharps containers were available in each area, were properly labeled, and were not overfilled.

The owner/operator indicated that the Facility would be closing within the next month. Ohio EPA requests a letter from the Facility stating when the final day of business will or has occurred. Ohio EPA will remove the Facility from the list of registered infectious waste generators at that time. Please send the correspondence to the following address:

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This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the Facility that were inspected. Nothing present in or absent from this correspondence is intended to imply that no other violations existed at the facility at the time of the inspection.

Compliance with the requirements in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of Blanchard Valley OB/GYN from their obligations to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Northwest District Office at (419)373-3079.

Sincerely,



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~~cc: NWDO File: Hancock County, Infectious Waste~~