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Re: Ada Diagnostics
Infectious Waste Inspection
Hardin County

October 11, 2007

Ms. Tana Joy
Lima Memorial Health Systems
1001 Bellefontaine Avenue
Lima, OH 45804

Dear Ms. Joy:

On October 1, 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) conducted an inspection of Ada Diagnostics (Facility) located at 520 West Lincoln St., Ste B, Ada, Ohio. The Facility is affiliated with Blanchard Valley Health System and is a registered large quantity generator of infectious waste, number 33-G-00036, and must meet the standards set forth in Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). I represented Ohio EPA during the inspection and Kelly Mescher represented the facility. Following are the results of the inspection.

The initial phase of the inspection consisted of a review of the treatment shipping paper system. The Facility had no shipping papers because the infectious waste is managed by Ada Life Medical Center in Suite A, which is in the same building. Ada Life Medical Center is affiliated with Lima Memorial Professional Corporation (LMPC). **Ada Diagnostics is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-30(B)(9), which states, "Ensure that all infectious wastes, whether treated or untreated, that are transported off the premises where they are generated are accompanied by a shipping paper that meets the requirements of rule 3745-27-33 of the Administrative Code;". In addition the facility is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-33(B) for not maintaining treatment shipping papers for the infectious wastes generated and removed from the premises.**

This process of combining infectious waste streams with Ada Life Medical Center must be changed, Ada Diagnostics must maintain a separate bin for their own infectious waste and separate shipping papers must be maintained by the Facility to document that waste from the generator is being transported, treated, and disposed of properly.

The spill kit for the Facility was inspected. All the required components were present within the spill kit in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-30(B)(11).

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The spill containment and clean-up procedure for the Facility was present during the inspection. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-30(B)(10), the location of the spill kit and the infection control manager were included in the procedure.

The room where infectious waste would be handled was inspected. The sharps container was available in this area, was properly labeled, and was not overfilled. The sharps containers are filled to a reasonable level, sealed, and taken to the storage room in Suite A. The storage room was labeled with the international biohazard symbol.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the Facility that were inspected. Nothing present in, nor absent from this correspondence is intended to mean 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 Ada Diagnostics 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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