

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.13805 Definitions; A to M.**

Sec. 13805. (1) "Advisory council" means the interdepartmental medical waste advisory council created in section 13827.

(2) "Autoclave" means to sterilize using superheated steam under pressure.

(3) "Decontamination" means rendering medical waste safe for routine handling as solid waste.

(4) "Fund" means the medical waste emergency response fund created in section 13829.

(5) "Health facility or agency" means that term as defined in section 20106.

(6) "Household" means a single detached dwelling unit or a single unit of a multiple dwelling.

(7) "Infectious agent" means a pathogen that is sufficiently virulent so that if a susceptible host is exposed to the pathogen in an adequate concentration and through a portal of entry, the result could be transmission of disease to a human.

(8) "Medical waste" means any of the following that are not generated from a household, a farm operation or other agricultural business, a home for the aged, or a home health care agency:

(a) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, including laboratory waste, biological production wastes, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, culture dishes, and related devices.

(b) Liquid human and animal waste, including blood and blood products and body fluids, but not including urine or materials stained with blood or body fluids.

(c) Pathological waste.

(d) Sharps.

(e) Contaminated wastes from animals that have been exposed to agents infectious to humans, these being primarily research animals.

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