

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.13807 Definitions; P to T.

Sec. 13807. (1) "Pathogen" means a microorganism that produces disease.

(2) "Pathological waste" means human organs, tissues, body parts other than teeth, products of conception, and fluids removed by trauma or during surgery, autopsy, or other medical procedure, and not fixed in formaldehyde. Pathological waste does not include a fetus or fetal body parts.

(3) "Point of generation" means the point at which medical waste leaves the producing facility site.

(4) "Producing facility" means a facility that generates, stores, decontaminates, or incinerates medical waste.

(5) "Products of conception" means any tissues or fluids, placenta, umbilical cord, or other uterine contents resulting from a pregnancy. Products of conception do not include a fetus or fetal body parts.

(6) "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of medical waste into the environment in violation of this part.

(7) "Response activity" means an activity necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment, and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation, cleanup, removal, containment, isolation, treatment, monitoring, maintenance, replacement of water supplies, and temporary relocation of people.

(8) "Sharps" means needles, syringes, scalpels, and intravenous tubing with needles attached.

(9) "Storage" means the containment of medical waste in a manner that does not constitute disposal of the medical waste.

(10) "Transport" means the movement of medical waste from the point of generation to any intermediate point and finally to the point of treatment or disposal. Transport does not include the movement of medical waste from a health facility or agency to another health facility or agency for the purposes of testing and research.

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