



PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF REGULATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF
REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE

The Environmental Quality Board, pursuant to the powers conferred by Act No. 416-2004, as amended, known as the "Environmental Public Policy Act", and according with the provisions of Act No. 180-2008, known as "Management of Regulated Medical Waste Act", Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act", and Act No. 454-2000, known as the "Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility Act for the Small Business", proposes the adoption of the "Regulation for the Management and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste."

The purpose of the proposed Regulation is to (1) establish the minimum requirements for the management, storage, transportation, treatment and destruction of regulated medical waste prior to its disposal so that they do not pose a threat to human health or the environment; (2) establish the responsibilities of the generators, transporters, intermediate managers, and treatment and destruction facilities of regulated medical waste; (3) maintain a registry of regulated medical waste generators by means of an identification number system; (4) establish a permit system for the treatment and destruction facilities and intermediate handlers; as well to establish other measures to ensure protection of public health and safety and the environment, by promoting adequate management of regulated medical waste.

The Public Hearing regarding the proposed regulation will be held in the Environmental Quality Board, Public Hearings Hall, 4th Floor, Cruz A. Matos Environmental Agencies Building, 1375 Ponce de León Avenue, Urb. San José Industrial Park, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

DATE: February 16, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

The hearing will be extended as long as there are deponents present. If there are no deponents present within (1) one hour after the commencement of the hearing, it will be declared empty and the hearing will be adjourned. Any person interested in participating in the public hearing may request a turn by email: vistaspublicas@jca.pr.gov or by phone (787) 767-8181, extension 3944. Every person interested in commenting on the proposed Regulations shall submit their written comments within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice to the following electronic address vistaspublicas@jca.pr.gov or by mail to the following address:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
PO BOX 11488
SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO 00910
ATTENTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS OFFICE

The proposed regulation and the Analysis of Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility for Small Businesses are available at EQB's webpage: <http://www.jca.pr.gov>

Furthermore, said documents are available for public review at EQB's Public Hearings Office located at 5th Floor of the Cruz A. Matos Environmental Agencies Building, 1375 Ponce de León Avenue, Urb. San José Industrial Park, San Juan, PR, and the Regional Offices of EQB:

Humacao Regional Office

Boulevard del Rio Avenue, Ramal 3
South By Pass
Humacao, Puerto Rico 00791

Arecibo Regional Office

44 San Patricio Ave.
Marginal State Road 2, Km 80.6
Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00614-3971

Mayaguez Regional Office

State Road 2 Km 159, Suite 201
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00682

Guayama Regional Office

State Road 3 Km. 134.3
Algarrobo Ward
Guayama, Puerto Rico 00784

Interested parties may obtain copies of the above documents by paying the applicable fees.



Weldin F. Ortiz Franco
President

This notice has been issued pursuant to Act No. 416-2004, as amended, known as "Environmental Public Policy Act", and Section 2.1 of Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act".