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KIND ATTENTION TO ALL CANCER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND RESEARCH CENTRES

This is brought to the notice of all occupiers of Cancer Health Care Facilities and Research Centres that as per Rule (4) of Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and amendment thereafter, it is the duty of every occupier generating biomedical waste to take all possible steps to ensure that such waste is handed without any adverse effect to human health and the environment as stipulated under the Rules.

Instances of handing over of used cytotoxic drug vials (empty or having residual cytotoxic drugs) by the cancer Health Care Facilities & Research Centres to the cancer patients or to their attendants for the purpose of availing the medical insurance claims has come to the notice of this Board.

It may be mentioned that these cytotoxic drugs while come in contact with normal cells can damage them and cause severe disability or even death of the affected person.

It is strictly instructed to the occupiers of the Health Care Facilities dealing with such drugs to segregate the used cytotoxic drug vials (empty or having residual cytotoxic drugs) at the source and ensure proper storage, transportation, treatment & disposal in accordance with the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules.

It may be noted that violation of provisions of Biomedical waste (Management and Handling) Rules will attract the following penal provision of section-15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- (1) Whoever fails to comply with or contravenes any of the provisions of this Act, or the Rules made or orders or directions issued thereunder, shall, in respect of each such failure or contravention, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or with both, and in case the failure or contravention continues, with additional fine which may be extended to five thousand rupees for every day during which such failure or contravention continues after the conviction for the first such failure or contravention.
- (2) If the failure or contravention referred to in sub-section (1) continues beyond a period of one year after the date of conviction, the offender shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years.

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Copy forwarded to Administrative officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, for information and necessary action. He is requested to publish the above notice in English (Four English dailies as per circulation) dailies.

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Copy forwarded to Director, Health Services, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar / all Chief District Medical Officers (CDMO)/ Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar / Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Ispat General Hospital, Rourkela for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to Regional officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul, Sambalpur, Cuttack, Rourkela, Keonjhar, Rayagada, Balasore, Bhubaneswar, Berhampur for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the Computer Analyst, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, for information. He is requested to put the notice in the website of the Board immediately.

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