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KIND ATTENTION TO ALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (HCFs) OF ODISHA

This is brought to the notice of all occupiers of Health Care Facilities (HCFs) 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 take all possible steps to ensure that such waste is handled without any adverse effect to human health and environment as stipulated under the Rules.

It may be mentioned that mercury is significantly associated with the health care facilities. It is used in thermometers, sphygmomanometer (Blood Pressure measuring instrument), esophageal dilators, dental amalgams etc. Both medical staff and patients are therefore, in danger of inhaling toxic vapour when breakage or leakage of an equipment/instrument using mercury occurs.

The Central Pollution Control Board has published a document entitled "Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury Waste Generated from Health Care Facilities" for ensuring for proper management of mercury waste generated from the HCFs. The document envisages aspects relating to 'precautions to be taken during maintenance of mercury bearing equipment, safe storage of mercury based medical instrument, mercury spill collection procedure and method to be followed for storage of mercury bearing waste (collection of mercury spillages), labeling its transportation and final disposal of such mercury bearing waste in line with the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and amendments made thereof. This guideline is available and can be downloaded from CPCB website i.e. www.cpcb.nic.in. All occupiers of HCFs are therefore advised to strictly follow the guidelines for environmentally sound management of mercury waste.

It may be noted that violation of provisions of Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules & Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules will entail criminal action under Section-15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

The Authorities of health care facilities are therefore required to ensure that compliance to the above provisions of law is strictly adhered to.

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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 & Odiya (two English & two Odiya 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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