

(G) (1) ~~(1)~~ IN THIS SUBSECTION, "INFECTIOUS WASTE" MEANS REFERS TO ANY WASTE FROM HOSPITALS, CLINICS, AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR LABORATORIES THAT CAN CAUSE DISEASE OR INFECTION IN HUMANS.

~~(1)~~--"INFECTIOUS WASTE"--INCLUDES:

1. --INFECTIOUS ORGANS;
2. --INFECTIOUS BLOOD;
3. --INFECTIOUS TUMORS;
4. --INFECTIOUS CYSTS; AND
5. --DRESSINGS--OR--OTHER--MATERIALS--THAT--ARE--USED--IN--A--HOSPITAL,--CLINIC,--OR--LABORATORY--AND--ARE--ASSOCIATED--WITH--INFECTIOUS--HUMAN--ORGANS,--BLOOD,--TUMORS,--AND--CYSTS.

(2) (1) "INFECTIOUS WASTE" MEANS DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, UTENSILS AND FOMITES WHICH ARE KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH ORGANISMS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING DISEASE IN HUMANS. INFECTIOUS WASTE ALSO INCLUDES CONTAMINATED NEEDLES, SCALPELS, AND RAZOR BLADES; ~~ANIMAL--CONTACT--ITEMS--CONTAMINATED--WITH--ORGANISMS--THAT--MAY--BE--PATHOGENIC--TO--HUMANS;~~ PATHOLOGICAL WASTE; BIOLOGICAL WASTE; AND LABORATORY WASTE.

(II) "FOMITES" MEANS ANY SUBSTANCE THAT MAY HARBOR OR TRANSMIT PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS.

(III) "PATHOLOGICAL WASTE" MEANS HUMAN TISSUES AND ORGANS WHICH EMANATE FROM SURGERY, OBSTETRICS, AND AUTOPSY, ~~AND--ANIMAL--CARCASSES--AND--PARTS--WHICH--HAVE--BEEN--EXPOSED--TO--PATHOGENS--CAPABLE--OF--PRODUCING--DISEASE--IN--HUMANS.~~ "PATHOLOGICAL WASTE" DOES NOT INCLUDE BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS.

(IV) "BIOLOGICAL WASTE" MEANS FECES, URINE, VOMITUS, SUCTIONINGS, LIVE VACCINES FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL USE, AND BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS OTHER THAN LABORATORY SPECIMENS.

(V) "LABORATORY WASTE" INCLUDES SPECIMENS SUCH AS TISSUES AND BLOOD ELEMENTS, EXCRETA, SECRETIONS AND DISPOSABLE FOMITES ATTENDANT TO THESE SPECIMENS.

~~(2)~~ (3) A PERSON HOSPITAL, CLINIC OR LABORATORY MAY NOT DISPOSE OF OR CAUSE TO BE DISPOSED OF INFECTIOUS WASTE IN ANY LANDFILL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

~~(3)~~ (4) IN ADDITION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THIS STATE, THE SECRETARY SHALL MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DISPOSAL OF INFECTIOUS WASTE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.