

## College of Veterinary Medicine Policies and Procedures

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**Policy for Submitting Regulated Medical** Waste for Disposal at MSU-CVM

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## Policy for Submitting Regulated Medical Waste for Disposal at MSU-CVM

In compliance with the Mississippi State Department of Health Standards for the Regulation of Medical Waste, the following policy guidelines have been adopted by the College of Veterinary Medicine:

- 1. For all types of waste submissions, a waste form must be completed and signed by the submitter and presented to Sample Receiving before the waste can be taken to the necropsy area. With the information provided by the submitter, Sample Receiving Personnel will decide the best and most economical method of disposal.
- 2. Items for disposal may be submitted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Please note that this does not include animals being submitted for necropsy.
- 3. Infectious Medical Waste must be submitted in orange bio-hazard bags, or standard commercial sharps containers. These bags and sharps containers will be enclosed in sturdy secondary containers and will be picked up by an outside contractor for disposal. A fee will be assessed to each program/department for this service. (See fee list on waste submission form.)
- 4. Animal carcasses submitted will be incinerated or picked up by an outside contractor for disposal, as guidelines dictate. There will be a charge assessed for all waste, whether incinerated or sent for disposal. (See fee list on waste submission form.)
- 5. The diagnostic lab reserves the right to refuse any waste submissions that are improperly packaged or in any other way incorrectly submitted. If diagnostic laboratory personnel are required to

repackage submissions to comply with the outside contractor's requirements, a substantial fee will be assessed to the area that submitted the waste incorrectly. (See fee list on waste submission form.)

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