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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Steven Costantino
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The Honorable Daniel DaPonte
Senate Finance Committee Chair

From: Rosemary Booth Gallogly RBG
Executive Director/State Budget Officer

Date: October 23, 2009

Subject: Fiscal Note for Administrative Rule Change - Amendment

Enclosed please find a copy of the fiscal note for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's proposal to amended the Rules and Regulations Governing the Generation, Transportation, Storage, Treatment, Management and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste in Rhode Island. According to the Department, there will be an increase in revenues of $50,000 for DEM starting in FY 2011 with little or no impact on the state, city or towns. Please contact Colleen Halloran-Villandry at 401-222-6416 with any questions regarding this fiscal note.

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Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing the Generation, Transportation, Storage, Treatment, Management and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste in Rhode Island

Date of Notice: **Date of Hearing:**

RIGL: 42-17.1, 42-17.6, 23-19.12, 42-34

FISCAL IMPACT

Revenues		*State Expenditures*		*City/Town Expenditures*	
FY 2010	$ 0	FY 2010	$ 0	FY 2010	$ 0
FY 2011	$ 50,000	FY 2011	$ 2,400	FY 2011	$ 0
FY 2012	$ 50,000	FY 2012	$ 2,400	FY 2012	$ 0

Summary of Policy Change: The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) proposes amendments to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Generation, Transportation, Storage, Treatment, Management and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste in Rhode Island. These amendments would change the scope of the definition of Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) to include: sharps generated for cosmetic or training purposes, body art waste and hypodermic needles for tattoos and piercing used for training, and crime scene cleanup waste. It would also change the name of animal waste to animal pathological waste, include communicable animal diseases, and clarifies isolation waste to include foreign animal diseases or highly communicable zoonotic diseases. It would give the Director the right to impose a different standard of treatment on wastes associated with outbreaks of highly communicable diseases and the ability to add an additional designation in connection with newly identified threats as it relates to isolation wastes. The amendment also refines the definition of "transportation" to be off-site movement of medical waste along a public way, changes storage time for RMW in vehicle to 7 days, modifies that the demonstration of efficacy must show uniformity of efficacy, eliminates the small quantity generator report, clarify self-transport rules, consolidates wastes on a single manifest, changes the requirement to get a variance to self transport, changes requirements to keep tracking forms for 375 days, allows new exemption for DEM licensed wildlife rehabilitators to transport RMW, deletes presumptive incorporation of EPA rules, and restructures certain fees.

Summary of Fiscal Impact: The proposed amendments would regenerate approximately $50,000 in revenue each year for the state. The estimated cost for the state would be approximately $1 to $2 per registrant with a total of about 1200 registrants. There would be a delay in the startup of the program so there would not be any revenues or expenses until FY 2011.

City or Town Impact: The proposed amendments to the Regulation would not have a direct fiscal impact on municipalities.

Approved:

Rosemary Bootle Gallogly Oct 29, 2009

Rosemary Bootle Gallogly — Date

Executive Director/State Budget Officer