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TO: Manufactures and Distributors of Medical Waste Treatment Products

FROM: Department of Health Services
Medical Waste Management Program

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE
MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT MODALITIES

In addition to registration with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, all products used to sanitize or sterilize medical waste must be approved by the Department of Health Services Medical Waste Management Program (Department).

Section 118215 (d) of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code) provides that treatment by modalities other than incineration, sewerage (of certain liquid medical wastes), or steam sterilization is legal only if such technology has received departmental approval and results in the destruction of pathogens (emphasis added).

A Guide and Application for Alternative Medical Waste Treatment Technoloov Approval specifies the fees and information required. The Guide, and additional information, are available by writing:

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