

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.13823 Investigation and confirmation of reported medical waste on land or water; report; protective measures; consultations; information on results of investigation.**

Sec. 13823.

(1) If suspected medical waste is discovered on any land or water in the state and reported to the department of natural resources, the department of public health, a local health department, the department of state police, or any other state or local governmental agency, the agency or department receiving the report shall promptly investigate to confirm the existence of medical waste. If the existence of medical waste is confirmed by a department or agency other than the department of natural resources, a report shall be transmitted immediately to the department of natural resources. The department of natural resources may if appropriate take measures to contain the medical waste, to close off the area, to remove the medical waste from the environment, and to do all things necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and the environment. The department of natural resources may if appropriate conduct an investigation to determine the source of the medical waste.

(2) The department of natural resources may consult with the department of public health, the appropriate local health department, the department of state police, and the department of attorney general on the actions taken by the department of natural resources under this section.

(3) After the department of natural resources confirms the existence of medical waste under this section, the department of natural resources shall inform the legislature, the governor, the advisory council, and the public on the results of any investigation conducted within 30 days after the investigation is completed.

**History:** Add. 1990, Act 18, Eff. May 31, 1990

**Popular Name:** Act 368