

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

**333.13805 Definitions; A to M.**

Sec. 13805.

- (1) "Advisory council" means the interdepartmental medical waste advisory council created in section 13827.
- (2) "Autoclave" means to sterilize using superheated steam under pressure.
- (3) "Decontamination" means rendering medical waste safe for routine handling as solid waste.
- (4) "Fund" means the medical waste emergency response fund created in section 13829.
- (5) "Health facility or agency" means that term as defined in section 20106.
- (6) "Household" means a single detached dwelling unit or a single unit of a multiple dwelling.
- (7) "Infectious agent" means a pathogen that is sufficiently virulent so that if a susceptible host is exposed to the pathogen in an adequate concentration and through a portal of entry, the result could be transmission of disease to a human.
- (8) "Medical waste" means any of the following that are not generated from a household, a farm operation or other agricultural business, a home for the aged, or a home health care agency:
  - (a) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, including laboratory waste, biological production wastes, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, culture dishes, and related devices.
  - (b) Liquid human and animal waste, including blood and blood products and body fluids, but not including urine or materials stained with blood or body fluids.
  - (c) Pathological waste.
  - (d) Sharps.
  - (e) Contaminated wastes from animals that have been exposed to agents infectious to humans, these being primarily research animals.

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