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In April 2004, Robert W. Varney, EPA regional administrator stated "Many hospital functions such as laboratories, power plants, and vehicle maintenance facilities, have the potential to cause environmental violations if not properly managed." Since 2004, there have been many enforcement actions taken against hospitals and medical centers nation-wide. Increasingly, hospitals and medical centers are coming under environmental compliance scrutiny by EPA and state regulatory agencies.

Why EPS for your compliance needs

EPS has worked with a broad assortment of hospitals and medical centers to assess, develop and enhance compliance programs in all environmental media. EPS's successes in the medical industry can be attributed largely to combining: (1) a long history of extensive experience in regulatory compliance, and (2) a strong desire to provide services that are tailored to give focused attention to the individual institution's needs.

What is the EPS Approach to Compliance?

The EPS approach is to assess the operations, develop the necessary programs, and train selected employees. This is accomplished by:

- Performing a compliance audit to assess the current compliance status of the institution
- Prepare plans and procedures to implement the required monitoring and recordkeeping
- Assist healthcare facilities in submitting semi-annual and annual reports to the state agencies
- Provide initial and refresher training when needed

What Services does EPS Provide to the Healthcare Industry?

Air Quality Services

- Air Permitting - Boilers, generators
- Agency Negotiations - Permit conditions and record keeping requirements
- Stack Testing
- Air Records Management - Monthly NOx emissions; semi-annual reports
- Annual Emission Fees - Fee calculations; form preparation
- Stratospheric Ozone Program - Chiller refrigerant compliance

Asbestos Services

- Building Investigations
- Indoor Air Quality Testing
- Remediation Coordination

EPCRA Services

- Tier II Reports – Fuel oil storage, lead-acid batteries

Hazardous Waste Services

- Waste Determinations – Waste identification and profiling
- Generator Requirements – Inspection procedures; storage requirements; manifests
- Annual Waste Fees – Fee calculations; form preparation
- Hazardous Waste Training – Training materials; training session facilitation
- Waste Recycling Studies – Solvent distillation (Histology); lead recycling
- Universal Waste Plans – Spent fluorescent lamps; mercury wastes; batteries

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Mold Services

- Building Investigations – Moisture intrusion surveys; construction exposure control
- Indoor Air Quality Testing – Chemical use exposure surveys
- Remediation Coordination

Lead Services

- Exposure Surveys – Lead handling practices; industrial ventilation studies
- Indoor Air Quality Testing – Personal monitoring studies
- Remediation Coordination

OSHA Services

- Hazard Communication – MSDS review; training

Water Quality Services

- SPCC Plans – Oil storage inventory; inspection procedures; containment requirements; training
- POTW Permits – Terms and conditions review and negotiations

What are the JCAHO EC 3.10 Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plans?

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organization (JCAHO) standards include EC 3.10, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management in their Environment of Care Standards. EC 3.10 addresses the materials and waste management and emergency response procedures of hazardous gases, vapors, and liquids including those waste streams defined as hazardous by EPA.

EPS prepares Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plans in strict accordance with the EC 3.10 guidelines.

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EPS is a consulting firm that has helped companies for more than a decade with an interdisciplinary team of experts focused on identifying and facilitating business opportunities and sustainability strategies that maximize value and drive profitable growth. EPS helps its clients maintain regulatory compliance, aim for environmental excellence, and achieve high standards of corporate responsibility—all as elements of profitable growth. Our professional experience acquired through service in commercial, industrial, and governmental sectors provides innovative and cost-effective solutions to our clients' environmental and corporate responsibility needs.

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