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**SUBJECT: Notification of Permit by Rule Operations
Georgia Clean and Associates, LLC
Cobb County – 033-142PBR(COL)-BIO & 033-143PBR(TS)-BIO**

Dear Mr. Powell:

The Solid Waste Permitting Unit received your notification for a collection operation and transfer station operation on September 15, 2020 which will allow the collection and transfer of biomedical waste to a permitted facility in the State of Georgia.

The **collection operation located at 2165 Canton Road, Marietta, Georgia** shall be deemed to have a solid waste handling permit by rule if it complies with Section 391-3-4-.06(3)(a) of the Rules for Solid Waste Management, including the following:

1. **Vehicle Construction:** Vehicles or containers used for collection and transportation of garbage and similar putrescible wastes, or mixtures containing such wastes, shall be covered, substantially leakproof, durable, and of easily cleanable construction.
2. **Vehicle Maintenance:** Solid waste collection and transportation vehicles shall be cleaned frequently and shall be maintained in good repair.
3. **Littering and Spillage:** Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of solid waste shall be loaded and moved in such a manner that the contents will not fall, leak or spill therefrom, and shall be covered when necessary to prevent blowing of material from the vehicle.
4. **No regulated quantities of hazardous wastes may be collected and transported except in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. 12-8-60 et seq.**
5. **Local Ordinances:** It is the responsibility of the collector to comply with all local rules, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to operation of solid waste collection systems.

6. All wastewater from cleaning of vehicles must be handled in a manner which meets all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
7. All collected solid waste must be deposited only in a permitted solid waste handling facility authorized to receive the applicable waste types.

Since your collection operation will involve the **transportation of biomedical waste**, the following conditions found in Section 391-3-4-.15(5) must be met in addition to the general conditions listed above:

- (a) Any generator of biomedical waste shall transfer custody of the waste only to a collector who is operating under authority of these Rules.
- (b) Biomedical waste shall not be transported in the same vehicle with other solid waste unless the biomedical waste is contained in a separate, fully enclosed leak-proof container within the vehicle compartment or unless all of the waste is to be treated as biomedical waste in accordance with the requirements of these Rules.
- (c) Biomedical waste shall be delivered for storage, including intermediate transfer, and treatment only to a facility or location for which there is a valid and appropriate operating permit as set forth in these Rules.
- (d) Surfaces of transport vehicles that have contacted spilled or leaked biomedical waste shall be decontaminated.
- (e) Equipment used to transport waste from the generator to the off-site treatment or disposal facility may not destroy the integrity of the container.
- (f) Vehicles used for the transport of biomedical waste shall not be used for transportation of food or food products.

The **transfer station operation located at 2165 Canton Road, Marietta, Georgia** shall be deemed to have a solid waste handling permit by rule if this operation complies with the following conditions found in Section 391-3-4-.06(3)(b):

1. Solid waste shall be confined to the interior of transfer stations, and not allowed to scatter to the outside. Waste shall not be allowed to accumulate, and floors shall be kept clean and well-drained.
2. Sewage solids shall be excluded from transfer stations.
3. Dust, odors, and similar conditions resulting from the transfer operations shall be controlled at all times.
4. Rodents, insects, and other such pests shall be controlled.
5. Any contaminated runoff from wash-water shall be discharged to a wastewater treatment system and, before final release, shall be treated in a manner approved by the Division.

6. Hazardous Waste: no person owning or operating a transfer station shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the handling of regulated quantities of hazardous waste.
7. Liquid wastes restricted from landfill disposal by rule 381-3-4-.04(9) shall be excluded from transfer stations. Transfer stations in existence on August 1, 2004 and in compliance with all other regulations applicable to permit by rule transfer stations may continue to handle such liquid wastes until a solid waste processing facility permit is issued or August 1, 2006, whichever occurs first.

Since your transfer station operation will involve **storage and containment of biomedical waste**, the following conditions found in Section 391-3-4-.15(4) must be met in addition to the general conditions listed above:

- a. Containment of biomedical waste shall be a manner (*sic*) and location which affords protection from animals, rain and wind, does not provide a breeding place or a food source for insects and rodents, and minimizes exposure to the public.
- b. Biomedical waste shall be segregated by separate containment from other waste at the point of origin.
 1. Biomedical waste, except for sharps, shall be placed in containers which are impervious to moisture and have strength sufficient to preclude ripping, tearing, or bursting under normal conditions of use. The containers shall be securely closed so as to prevent leakage or expulsion of solid or liquid wastes during storage, handling, or transport.
 2. Sharps shall be contained for storage, transportation, treatment and subsequent disposal in leakproof, rigid, puncture-resistant containers which are taped closed or tightly lidded to preclude loss of contents.
- c. Rigid containers of discarded sharps and all other disposable containers used for containment of biological waste shall be red or orange in color or clearly identified with the universal biohazard symbol or clearly marked with the word "Biohazard".
- d. Biomedical waste contained in disposable containers as prescribed above, shall be placed for storage, handling, or transport in disposable or reusable pails, cartons, boxes, drums, dumpsters, or portable bins. The containment system shall have a tight-fitting cover and be kept clean and in good repair. The containers may be of any color and shall be conspicuously labeled with the universal biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard" on the sides so as to be readily visible from any lateral direction when the container is upright.
 1. Reusable containers used for shipment of biomedical waste shall be thoroughly washed and decontaminated each time they are emptied.
 2. Reusable pails, drums, dumpsters or bins used for containment of biomedical waste shall not be used for other purposes except after being decontaminated by procedures as described in (4) (d)1. above and after the universal biohazard symbol and word "Biohazard" is removed.

The Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, can be found on EPD's website at <http://epd.georgia.gov/existing-rules-and-corresponding-laws>. Please carefully review definitions and requirements pertaining to your operations. Violation of any of the applicable requirements will invalidate your permit by rule status.

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This permit by rule does not supersede any approvals or permits that may be required by any other existing federal, state, or local ordinances, or rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (770) 324-7965.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Castleberry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry Castleberry
Environmental Engineer
Solid Waste Management Program

Enclosure: Copy of PBR Notification Form
Copy of Site Plan

cc: Honorable Mike Boyce, Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners – via e-mail
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Mountain District – Cartersville – Mick Smith; GA EPD – via e-mail

File: PBR – Bibb County – 011-0071PBR(COL)-BIO & 011-0072PBR(TS)-BIO