

Biohazardous Medical Waste Updates 2020 Rulemaking – Guiding Principles and Features

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ADEQ has received permission from the Governor for a rulemaking to update Arizona's Biohazardous Medical Waste (BMW) Rules in 18 A.A.C. 13, Article 14, and is inviting your participation in this effort.

ADEQ is considering the following Principles and Features for this rulemaking and is seeking your feedback. Please send any questions and comments to the link below.

Guiding Principles

1. The revised Arizona rules should not be duplicative or inconsistent with other federal or state laws and rules.
2. The revised Arizona rules should be protective of human health and the environment.
3. The revised Arizona rules should keep the structure and organization of the current rules.
4. The revised Arizona rules should improve rule clarity for the regulated community.
5. The revised Arizona rules should not unduly increase regulation or unduly burden small businesses.

Features

1. The revised Arizona rules aim to include clearer, updated definitions.
2. The revised Arizona rules aim to address novel issues to Arizona.
3. The revised Arizona rules aim to provide more consistent guidance on transporter requirements.

ADEQ will hold stakeholder workshops in the fall and winter of 2020-2021. During these workshops, we will seek input from stakeholders on the current rules and where improvements can be made.

Please send comments and questions via email to: wasterulemaking@azdeq.gov.