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Selecting a Waste Vendor

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It is a fact that the responsibility for the safe disposal of medical and chemical waste generated by a health care institution remains with the institution, even after the material has been turned over to a waste hauler. The hospital whose medical waste is discovered in an abandoned trailer or storage facility is as liable to face legal action as the hauler who dumped it there. So how can you protect yourself and your institution from unscrupulous vendors? By making an informed, educated, and well-documented decision on who is awarded the contract for medical and/or chemical waste removal. This document addresses selection criteria including client references, prices, collection methodologies, and ultimate disposal methods. It offers a suggested process for analyzing and comparing the data to make an educated decision when selecting a waste vendor.

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