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Dear Julia,

Med-X Pty Ltd - SSD6761 Arndell Park Independent Environmental Audit – Condition C12 extension of time request due to Covid-19 impacts

In accordance with Application Number SSD 6761 for the clinical waste management facility operated by Med-X Pty Ltd (“Med-X”), condition C12, an Independent Environmental Audit must be undertaken within “*one year of the commencement of the development*” and “*be submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within three months of commissioning the Audit (or within another timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary)*”. Our records indicate that the facility commenced operations on 2nd November 2020. An application was made on 27th October 2021 to extend the Independent Environmental Audit submission timeframe to March 2022, due to Covid-19 lockdowns impacting completion the site visit for the Odour Audit, which forms part of the Independent Environmental Audit review.

In November 2021 an Independent Environmental Auditor for the Arndell Park facility was commissioned and approved. It is noted that the Odour Audit has now been finalised and was uploaded to the portal on the 25th of January 2022. Therefore, this component is no longer a barrier to completion of the Independent Environmental Audit.

The desktop review component of the Independent Environmental Audit has commenced however, the site visit component has not been undertaken due to the following challenges:

- The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in an increase in quantities of clinical waste and an increase the operating hours. Med-X’s is not currently allowing visitors to the site due to the additional risks posed by the additional Covid-19 waste quantities and infectious nature of this material.
- Severe Med-X staff shortages due to impacts of Covid-19 illness and an increased workload due to increased clinical waste volumes at the facility.

I am writing to you on behalf of Med-X Pty Ltd to request an extension to the March 2022 deadline for completion of the Independent Environmental Audit to May 2022.

Please can you confirm if this extension to May 2022 will be acceptable.

Yours faithfully



Melanie Kempton
Senior Engineer