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Halton-Peel District, Central Region
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Reference: Certificate of Approval Number A680324
2023 Annual Report for the Autoclaves and the Site.

Dear District Manager:

As required by condition 51 of the above referenced certificate of approval, please find below the Annual Report for the Stericycle Autoclaves and site operation located at 95 Deerhurst Drive in Brampton Ontario for the 2023 reporting year.

(a) Monthly summary of tonnages of all wastes processed at, stored and /or transferred to the Site:

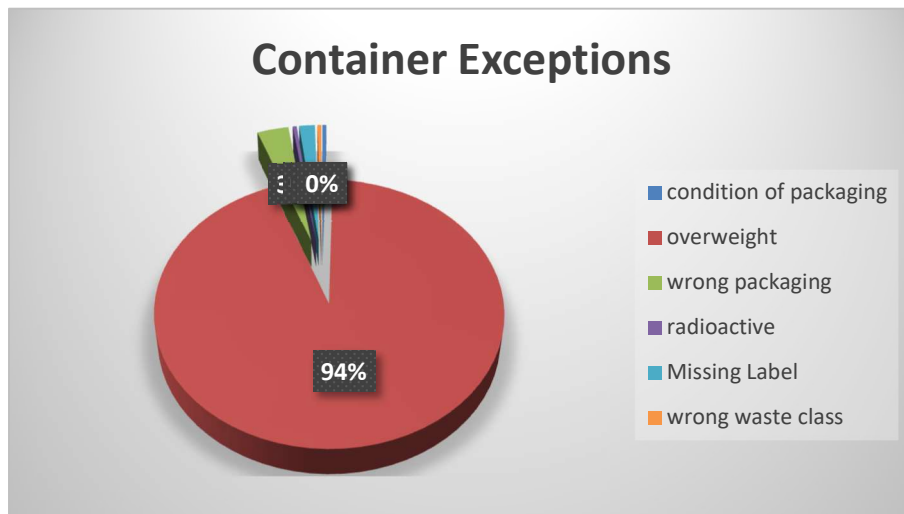
As shown below, Stericycle received a grand total of **8,222,278** kilograms of acceptable waste. **2,369,464** kilograms were incineration waste (anatomical, cytotoxic, and hazardous pharmaceutical and hazardous contract product destruction waste); **5,851,997** kilograms were autoclavable biomedical waste and non-hazardous contract product destruction waste, and the remaining **817** kilograms were transfer waste (dental amalgam, x-ray backing and photo-processing waste).

Deerhurst Site 2023 Waste Volumes						
Month	Incineration			Autoclave	Transfer	Monthly
	Path (312P)	Rx (261)	Cyto (312P)	Bio (312P)	148 & 264	Totals
January	19,391	28,142	101,875	445,043	0	594,452
February	30,346	38,176	160,989	497,907	0	727,418
March	24,571	46,842	160,291	581,112	0	812,816
April	20,546	69,165	150,482	471,004	0	711,196
May	18,912	29,712	151,324	501,803	0	701,752
June	32,772	46,769	190,098	536,526	0	806,164
July	27,081	46,236	154,311	478,262	103	705,994
August	19,143	37,677	94,846	514,930	287	666,883
September	17,690	38,478	98,295	462,822	207	617,493
October	9,616	16,154	41,547	445,206	52	512,575
November	19,836	26,908	116,326	449,424	95	612,588
December	28,495	36,050	220,372	467,959	72	752,949
Totals	268,399	460,310	1,640,755	5,851,997	817	8,222,278

(b) Details of any incidents involving improperly labelled incoming waste and any actions taken to ensure proper handling of all wastes and to minimize the potential for reoccurrence of the improper labelling:

In 2023, Stericycle occasionally received waste containers that were improperly packaged, improperly labeled, overweight or radioactive. The following breakdown illustrates the containers received that triggered an exception report:

Condition of Packaging	= 2
Missing Label	= 8
Overweight	= 464
Wrong Packaging	= 16
Radioactive	= 2
Wrong Waste Class	= 2



All exception reports are properly recorded and distributed to the appropriate Client Care Manager for review with the individual waste generator to ensure such occurrences are minimized/eliminated.

Note that all Stericycle drivers and plant workers are continually educated on all applicable regulatory requirements. This helps in ensuring that non compliant packages are not collected by our drivers, therefore minimizing the number of exception reports for improper condition of packaging.

(c) Dates when the Autoclave was operated during the reporting period, including start and finish times as well as the names of the Trained Company representatives who were responsible for the proper operation of the Autoclaves:

The autoclaves were typically operated from Sunday nights to Saturday mornings with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. The autoclave is currently operated from 10:00pm each Sunday through to 11:00pm each Friday. If needed, an additional shift was run on Saturday mornings to

accommodate for varying waste volumes. Over three shifts the autoclaves were under the control of Denver D’Cruz – Day shift Supervisor, Akeim Nugent – Afternoon shift Supervisor, and Samuel Arthur – Night shift Supervisor.

A comprehensive and detailed record of all the autoclave sterilization cycles remains on file at the site for inspection by the MECP at any time, this through the autoclave charts, which maintain the following operating parameters: start time, finish time, cycle time, temperatures, pressures, and confirmation of pre & post vacuum.

(d) Details of any loads that failed the Autoclave Verification testing required under condition 46(1):

Stericycle continues to test the efficiency of the autoclaves every six (6) operating days without exception. There were no Autoclave Verification failures through 2023.

(e) Any environmental and operational problems, including spills, that may have negatively impacted the quality of the environment encountered during the operation of the autoclave and any mitigative actions taken, including a summary of any complaints received regarding the operation of the autoclaves, as described under Condition 10(1):

There were no such operational problems encountered through 2023.

(f) Summary of all complaints received, and any actions taken to mitigate.

There were no complaints received (neither the general public nor neighboring companies) through 2023.

(g) A statement as to the compliance with all Conditions of this Certificate and with the inspection and reporting requirements of the Conditions contained herein:

Stericycle warrants that it has exercised best efforts to adhere to all the applicable Terms & Conditions of its Waste Disposal Site Certificate of Approval including all inspection and reporting requirements through the 2023 operating year.

Stericycle is very committed to the full compliance with all conditions of its Provisional Certificate of Approval, throughout the year, whenever a situation of possible non-compliance was identified; immediate actions were taken to ensure full compliance. Stericycle has mechanisms in place to ensure full compliance at all times. Employees are aware of their responsibilities and are trained appropriately.

(h) Any recommendations to minimize environmental impacts and improve Site operations and monitoring programs.

Stericycle believes that the current monitoring program is sufficient and enables both Stericycle and the MECP to have a good understanding of the Site operations and to assess its compliance with the Certificate of Approval and all the relevant regulations.

However, Stericycle is very committed to looking for ways to improve its operations through better procedures, training, inspections and monitoring programs and will continue to do so.

I trust that this is the information required and that it meets with your approval. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me accordingly

Regards,



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