

# PharmE® Certification Process



## Your Rx for preparing for EPA inspection.

Gaining professional certification is both a journey and a destination. It's a way for your staff to demonstrate their proficiency in the critical area of pharmaceutical waste management.

The certification process is a recognized way to externally validate that your pharmaceutical waste processes are compliant with applicable state and federal regulations.

Our team of Sustainable Pharmacy™ experts will document your achievements and confirm the precision of your policies and procedures. Take advantage of our knowledge and guidance as you prepare for Joint Commission surveys and government inspections.

*PharmE® Certification of our pharmaceutical waste program provided Northern Michigan Regional Hospital with the external validation it needed to achieve recognition from our community, the press, and state and federal environmental protection agencies.*

**– Cheryl Chisholm, CPhT**  
Pharmacy Technician  
Northern Michigan Regional Hospital  
Petoskey, Michigan

## The Certification Process at a Glance

Recognize your staff's efforts and validate the implementation of your organization's compliant pharmaceutical waste management process.

- **Begin** by providing us with a draft of your current policies and procedures for managing all of your pharmaceutical waste.
- **PharmEcology®** experts will review these materials for quality assurance and provide final recommendations for regulatory compliance.
- **Upon implementation** of the approved policies and procedures, our consultants will conduct a verification site visit, which can also serve as a pre-Joint Commission survey.
- **After successfully completing** the verification site visit, your organization will receive a letter of certification and a framed certificate acknowledging your accomplishments.
- **Our PharmEcology® Services** will introduce the certification process to your state and regional EPA regulatory agencies. During a regulatory inspection, this certification will underscore your organization's significant commitment to regulatory compliance in the way you manage pharmaceutical waste.

**For more information, call your Waste Management PharmEcology® specialist today at 1-877-247-7430 or visit us at [healthcare.wm.com/pharmacy](http://healthcare.wm.com/pharmacy).**

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