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Clandestine Meth Lab Cleanup Requirements

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1. Overview

This Methamphetamine Laboratory (Meth Lab) Cleanup Requirements Registry details the legal and other requirements (such as cleanup oversight) that the City and County of Denver (CCoD) is subject to, and which CCoD places on other parties. The registry is intended to outline these requirements from their source (such as the Colorado Code of Regulations) to specific documents and actions that must take place in order to meet the requirements (such as permits, reporting, and record keeping).

There are many aspects present at meth labs that have the potential to impact public health. These aspects are identified in the most recent version of Environmental Aspects and Impacts Assessment.

To address the legal and other requirements created by these aspects, CCoD operates the following program(s):

1. Meth Lab Cleanup Program (addresses site access and site cleanup associated with DPD-identified methamphetamine labs).

Additionally, CCoD has created and published an Environmental Guideline (EG) to assist in controlling the aspects referenced above to minimize impacts from meth labs. A list of EGs can be found in the Environmental Guideline Process and Catalog.

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2. Applicable Regulations & Other Requirements

| NAME | REGULATOR | CITATION | APPLICABLE PROGRAM | CCoD RESPONSIBLE PERSON |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Regulations Pertaining to the Cleanup of Methamphetamine Laboratories | CDPHE | 6 CCR 1014-3 | Methamphetamine Program | Gene Hook |
| Denver Housing Code – Occupancy/ order to vacate | Denver Env Health – DEQ and RHH | DMRC Title II, Chapter 27-23(1)(2), Article II (Housing Code) | Methamphetamine Program | Gene Hook |
| Health Nuisances Ordinance - Imminent Hazard/ prohibit access | Denver Env Health – DEQ and RHH | DMRC Title II, Chapter 37-5(c) and 37-6, Article I (Health Nuisances), | Methamphetamine Program | Gene Hook |
| Colorado Solid Waste Regulations | CDPHE | 6 CCR 1007-2 | HMWMD | Gene Hook |

3. Applicable Permits, Plans and Procedures

| NAME | REGULATORY DRIVER | PHYSICAL LOCATION | EFFECTIVE DATE | RENEWAL DATE | RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Demolition permit | Colo Meth Lab Cleanup Regulations/ Denver Building Code | Building Dept. files | Varies - when demolition option chosen | N/A | Property owner/ CCoD Building Dept. |
| Building permit | Denver Building Code | Building Dept. files | Varies - when structural damage | N/A | Property owner/CCoD Building Dept. |
| Denver Housing Code – Minimum occupancy standards (post-cleanup of meth lab) | Denver Housing Code | RHH case file | Varies – when housing not to standards | N/A | RHH inspector (if complaint referred) |
| Preliminary investigation report, Cleanup work plan, Site-specific health and safety plan, Final clearance report | Colo Meth Lab Cleanup Regulations/ Denver Env Health policy | Case file | Varies by case | N/A | Homeowner-hired Consultant/contractor |

