California Code of Regulations
Title 22. Social Security
Division 4. Environmental Health
Chapter 24. Reduction Chamber Standards

Article 1. Scope and Definitions

Adopt Section 65900 to read as follows:

Section 65900. Scope

The provisions of this chapter apply to reduction chamber manufacturers applying for approval for the sale and use of a reduction chamber in California and to reduction facilities that are operating reduction chambers.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code.

Adopt Section 65905 to read as follows:

Section 65905. Definitions

(a) “Bureau” has the same meaning as in Business and Professions Code section 7601, subdivision (c): “[T]he Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.”

(b) “Department” means the State Department of Public Health, also known as the California Department of Public Health.

(c) “Disposition” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7025: “[T]he interment, integration into soil, or scattering of human remains within California, or the shipment outside of California, for lawful interment, integration into soil, or scattering elsewhere, including release of remains pursuant to [Health and Safety Code] Section 103060.”

(d) “Feedstocks” means the carbon-rich and nitrogen-rich organic plant materials included with the human remains in a reduction chamber.

(e) “Human remains” or “remains” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7001: “[T]he body of a deceased person, regardless of its stage of decomposition, and includes cremated, reduced, or hydrolyzed human remains.”

(f) “Inorganic” means material that does not decompose during reduction.

(g) “Integrate into the soil” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7010.8, subdivision (a): “[T]he authorized addition and mixing of reduced human remains with existing soil in a defined area within a dedicated cemetery, conservation area, property where the person who has control over the disposition of the reduced human remains has obtained written permission of the property owner or governing agency, or other area in the state where integration is permitted pursuant to this division or Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. The reduced human remains are intended to act as a soil amendment.”

(h) "Natural decomposition" means decomposition that occurs at ambient pressure and is heated only by decomposing microorganisms.

(i) “Necessary preparation” means the reduction of the particle size of reduced human remains by mechanical means, including, but not limited to, grinding, crushing, and pulverizing to a soil-like consistency.

(j) “Organic” means material that decomposes during reduction.

(k) “Processing” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7010.3, subdivision (b): “[T]he removal of foreign objects, pursuant to [Health and Safety Code] Section 7051, and any necessary preparation for the reduced human remains to be integrated into the soil.”

(l) “Reduced human remains” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7002.7, subdivision (b): “[T]he remains of a human body that have been reduced to soil through a process of reduction. “Reduced human remains” does not include foreign materials, pacemakers, or prostheses.”

(m) “Reduction” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7002.7, subdivision (c): “[T]he process of transforming a human body into soil using the natural decomposition process, accelerated with the addition of organic materials through the following steps:

(1) The body of a deceased person is mixed together with natural materials and air and is periodically turned, eventually resulting in the body’s reduction to a soil material.

(2) Large tanks, containers, or similar vessels hold human remains together with straw, wood chips, or other natural materials until the process is complete.

(3) The processing of the remains after removal from the reduction chamber pursuant to [Health and Safety Code] Section 7010.3.”

(n) “Reduction chamber” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7002.7, subdivision (d): “[T]he enclosed space within which individual human remains are reduced and any other attached, nonenclosed, mechanical components that are necessary for the safe and proper functioning of the equipment. A reduction chamber shall meet or exceed the requirements set by the State Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for destruction of human pathogens, including complying with [Business and Professions Code] Section 7714.3.”

(o) “Reduction facility” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7002.7, subdivision(a): “[A] structure, room, or other space in a building or real property where natural, organic reduction of a human body occurs.”

(p) “Soil amendment” has the same meaning as in Health and Safety Code section 7010.8, subdivision (b): “[A]ny material added to a soil to improve its physical properties, including, but not limited to, water retention, permeability, water infiltration, drainage, aeration, or structure.”

(q) “Turn” means to mix the contents of a reduction chamber during reduction.

(r) “Vector” means a carrier organism that can transmit a pathogen to another organism and includes, but is not limited to, flies and other insects, rodents, and birds.

(s) “Written plan for reduction” means the document developed and utilized by a reduction facility to describe reduction chamber operating requirements, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65950.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code, sections 7001, 7002.7, 7010.3, 7010.8, and 7025, Health and Safety Code.

Article 2. Reduction Chamber Construction

Adopt Section 65910 to read as follows:

Section 65910. Minimum Standards for Reduction Chamber Design and Features

This section establishes the minimum design, construction, and operational standards that all reduction chambers must meet to ensure safe and effective reduction.

(a) A reduction chamber must be manufactured to meet or exceed the following criteria:

(1) Constructed of material that supports the maximum combined weight of the required feedstocks, water, human remains, and any allowed mementos, as determined by the manufacturer, during reduction without breaking, warping, splitting, or otherwise losing structural integrity, and does not allow the uncontrolled release of liquids and gases during reduction.

(2) Include a temperature monitoring device, which monitors the interior of the reduction chamber during reduction.

(3) Include an odor control device, which filters the gases emitted from the reduction chamber.

(4) Include any additional nonenclosed device(s) necessary for safe and proper function, as determined by the manufacturer, except devices that are designed to artificially create heat within the reduction chamber during reduction.

(5) Include an identification tag or plate or placard permanently affixed to the exterior of the reduction chamber. The identifying tag or plate or placard must be affixed in a position that is visible to the reduction chamber operator during reduction. The information must be no less than 12-point font and must not be represented by only a symbol or barcode. The identifying information at the minimum must include:

(A) the Manufacturer's Name.

(B) Reduction Chamber Model.

(C) Reduction Chamber Serial Number.

(D) Date of Construction.

(b) A reduction chamber must be operated to meet or exceed the following criteria:

(1) Allow for the addition of air and water during reduction and allow for the release of gases that develop during reduction.

(2) Maintain moisture during reduction.

(3) Operate only at ambient pressure.

(4) Prevent vectors from accessing the reduction chamber.

(5) Be able to rotate or be mechanically turned during reduction without breaking, warping, splitting, or otherwise losing structural integrity.

(6) Maintain the temperature of reduction at not less than 55°C (131°F) for at least 72 consecutive hours.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 7002.7, 7002.7, and 8393 Health and Safety Code.

Article 3. Condition of Remains and Occurrence of Death

Adopt Section 65915 to read as follows:

Section 65915. Condition of Remains

A reduction chamber must not be used to reduce human remains that are:

(a) Embalmed.

(b) Implanted with medical device(s) containing a battery or battery pack, unless the device(s) is removed.

(c) Implanted with a nuclear pacemaker, unless the pacemaker is removed.

(d) Implanted with radiologically active medical therapeutics, including but not limited to Brachytherapy seeds, unless the organ containing the implant is removed.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 107150, 114710, 114970, 114985, and 117690, Health and Safety Code.

Adopt Section 65920 to read as follows:

Section 65920. Occurrence of Death

A reduction chamber must not be used to reduce human remains where death:

(a) Resulted from, occured with, or was suspected to involve any of the following:

(1) A prion disease (e.g. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease).

(2) A bacterial infection of an endospore-forming species (e.g. *Bacillus anthracis* or *Clostridium botulinum*).

(3) A Virulent Hemorrhagic Fever virus (e.g. Ebola virus).

(b) Resulted from a disease declared by the Department to be infectious, contagious, or communicable and dangerous to public health as listed in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 2500, unless the state or local department of health provides a written release indicating that the remains are not infectious. This release provision does not apply to any diseases listed in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65920 subdivision (a).

(c) Resulted from a radiological incident or accident, unless the state or local department of health or other state or federal agency responsible for responding to the incident provides a written release indicating that the remains are not radiologically contaminated.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 120130, 114710, 114715, and 114985, Health and Safety Code.

Article 4. Reduction Chamber Additions and Prohibitions

Adopt Section 65925 to read as follows:

Section 65925. Additions to Reduction Chamber

(a) Subject to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65915 and 65920, the following must be added to the reduction chamber:

(1) Feedstocks.

(A) Feedstocks must not contain inorganic contaminants, including but not limited to plastics, metals, and glass.

(B) Feedstocks must be mixed and moistened, as detailed in the reduction facility's written plan for reduction, before reduction begins.

(C) Feedstocks must be combined with air and water to achieve the temperature provisions described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910.

(2) Air and water required for reduction.

(b) Subject to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65915 and 65920, mementos may be added to the reduction chamber with documented permission from the individual who retains the rights to the human remains and approval of the reduction facility. Mementos must not interfere with operation of the reduction chamber and must not result in a hazard to the operator or the public.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 7002.7 and 8395, Health and Safety Code.

Adopt Section 65930 to read as follows:

Section 65930. Prohibitions from Reduction Chamber

The following items are prohibited from the reduction chamber during reduction:

(a) Any feedstocks derived from dimensional lumber, construction or demolition debris, waste comprised of cooked food, or organic materials that have been painted, glued, or chemically treated.

(b) Clothing, footwear, and shrouds that dress or cover the human remains.

(c) Acids, alkaline agents, or other solvents.

(d) Fungal spores, bacterial isolates, enzymes, or other biologically active cultures or organisms, separate from the organisms associated with the human remains and feedstocks.

(e) Vectors.

(f) Any device that is not part of the approved reduction chamber.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 8395, Business and Professions Code; section 7002.7, Health and Safety Code.

Article 5. Reduction Chamber Monitoring and Confirmation Testing

Adopt Section 65935 to read as follows:

Section 65935. Reduction Chamber Monitoring

(a) A reduction facility must not operate a reduction chamber without monitoring and recording into a monitoring log the following:

(1) Temperature, at a frequency of not less than one reading every hour. The temperature of reduction must be maintained at not less than 55°C (131°F) for at least 72 consecutive hours, per California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910, at least one time during reduction.

(2) Date and time of each turning event, which must not commence before the temperature readings meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65935 subdivision (a)(1) at least one time.

(3) Any event that results in malfunction of the reduction chamber or creates a gap in the monitoring log, including but not limited to power outage, emergency repair, or equipment failure.

(b) The monitoring log must also include the human remains' identifying information, reduction chamber identifying information described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910, and reduction start and end dates and times.

(c) Recording the monitored parameters must start at the time the human remains are enclosed within the reduction chamber and must continue until the reduced human remains are removed from the reduction chamber.

(d) The monitoring log must be retained for at least ten (10) years after reduction is complete.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 7010.3 and 8395, Health and Safety Code.

Adopt Section 65940 to read as follows:

Section 65940. Reduction Confirmation Testing

(a) After a reduction facility receives a letter of reduction efficiency, as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65950, every fourth reduction must undergo confirmation testing for pathogen destruction and heavy metal pollutants prior to release for final disposition. Confirmation testing must occur at a US Composting Council Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Compost-Certified laboratory. Sampling of the reduced human remains for confirmation testing must follow the testing laboratory's sampling guidelines.

(b) The confirmation test must demonstrate compliance with the following thresholds prior to final disposition:

(1) Pathogen destruction. The reduced human remains that undergo confirmation testing must be tested for fecal coliform bacteria and *Salmonella* species bacteria. The density of fecal coliform must be less than 1,000 Most Probable Number per gram of total solids (dry weight basis), or the density of *Salmonella* species bacteria must be less than three (3) Most Probable Number per four (4) grams of total solids (dry weight basis).

(2) Heavy metal pollutants. The reduced human remains that undergo confirmation testing must not contain pollutants that exceed the following thresholds:

(A) Arsenic (As) ≤ 41 mg/kg (dry weight)
(B) Cadmium (Cd) ≤ 39 mg/kg (dry weight)
(C) Chromium (Cr-total)*
(D) Copper (Cu) ≤ 1,500 mg/kg (dry weight)
(E) Lead (Pb) ≤ 300 mg/kg (dry weight)
(F) Mercury (Hg) ≤ 17 mg/kg (dry weight)
(G) Molybdenum (Mo)*
(H) Nickel (Ni) ≤ 420 mg/kg (dry weight)
(I) Selenium (Se) ≤ 100 mg/kg (dry weight)
(J) Zinc (Zn) ≤ 2,800 mg/kg (dry weight)

*United States Environmental Protection Agency (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 503) has not determined a minimum concentration for these specific heavy metals that would risk public health and safety. However, testing records for Chromium and Molybdenum concentrations must be included and retained with the heavy metal pollutants testing records.

(c) All reduced human remains must undergo processing and cure before final disposition.

(d) The reduction facility must follow the contingency plans for retesting the reduced human remains in the written plan for reduction, if the reduced human remains fail either pathogen destruction testing or heavy metal pollutants testing, or both tests.

(e) All confirmation testing results must be retained for at least ten (10) years after reduction is complete.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Sections 7010.3 and 8395, Health and Safety Code.

Article 6. Reduction Chamber Application

Adopt Section 65945 to read as follows:

Section 65945. Application for Approval for the Sale and Use of a Reduction Chamber

(a) A reduction chamber manufacturer must apply to the Department for approval to sell and use a reduction chamber in California.

(b) The application must include the following information:

(1) The applicant's name, business name, business address, telephone number, and email address.

(2) A description of the applicant's current business operations, including any business licenses held in any jurisdiction.

(3) The reduction chamber model identifier.

(4) A statement of the applicant's intention to either manufacture the reduction chamber for sale, or manufacture for sole use by the applicant's company or affiliate, or both.

(5) A description of how the reduction chamber meets or exceeds the standards for reduction chamber design and features in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910.

(6) An estimate of the useful lifetime of the reduction chamber and turning and monitoring devices, including how the reduction chamber will be disposed of at the end of its useful lifetime.

(7) A description of the technical requirements for the safe operation of the reduction chamber, including electrical and plumbing requirements, and additional equipment, if any, that is not a part of the reduction chamber.

(8) A description of the monitoring device(s) and how the monitoring device(s) satisfy the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910, including whether these specific device(s) must be used or if alternative device(s) can be used as replacements when the original device(s) fail.

(9) The protocol used to reduce human remains in the reduction chamber, including instructions for reductions that fail to meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65910, 65935, and 65940.

(10) A description of the preferred feedstocks to be used in the reduction chamber, alternative feedstocks that can be used in place of the preferred feedstocks if the preferred feedstocks are unavailable, and feedstocks, if any, that should not be used in the reduction chamber.

(11) A description of the minimum and maximum dimensions of the human remains that can be reduced in the reduction chamber.

(12) A description of how the operator determines the mix and quantity of feedstocks that will be added to the reduction chamber, including an example equation if the determination is based on the dimensions of human remains being reduced.

(13) A description of how the operator monitors the reduction chamber during reduction, including how the operator determines the timing of turning events and how the monitoring data are recorded and preserved, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65935.

(14) A description of how the operator accesses the reduction chamber to acquire the sample for confirmation testing.

(15) A description of a contingency plan for the reduced human remains in the event that reduction fails to achieve the temperature and time monitoring requirements or the reduced human remains fail one or both confirmation tests, as required in California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65935 and 65940.

(16) A description of any training or knowledge necessary to operate the reduction chamber, including how this information is provided to the operator.

(17) A description of the maintenance requirements of the reduction chamber, including the projected downtime during maintenance.

(18) A description of the calibration schedule for the turning and monitoring device(s).

(19) A description of any acute or chronic health hazards and any safety hazards associated with the operation of the reduction chamber, including emergency measures to be taken in the event of such hazards. List any training and procedures that will be provided to the reduction chamber operator to lessen the risk of these hazards.

(20) A description of environmental, occupational, or public health hazards associated with byproducts generated by operating the reduction chamber, including emergency measures to be taken in the event that byproducts are unintentionally released. List any training and procedures that will be provided to the reduction chamber operator to lessen the risk of these hazards.

(21) A description of environmental, occupational, or public health hazards associated with any potential malfunction of the reduction chamber or equipment, including emergency measures to be taken in the event of such a malfunction. List any training and procedures that will be provided to the reduction chamber operator to lessen the risk of these hazards.

(22) An attestation from the applicant, which must include the applicant's name, title, signature, and date of signing, stating, "I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(c) In addition to the information required in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivision (b), the application must include the following documents:

(1) Schematics of the reduction chamber, including dimensions of the reduction chamber and placement locations of the water, air, and exhaust ports,

monitoring devices, turning mechanism, and identification tag or plate or placard, as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910.

(2) Pictures of the reduction chamber, which must show full exterior and full interior surfaces of the reduction chamber and all elements of the reduction chamber as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910.

(3) The reduction chamber operator's manual.

(4) The sales brochure, if available.

(d) The applicant must submit a nonrefundable application fee of $5,000 along with the application, as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b) and (c). The cost of application review is $249 per hour. The cost of review hours not accounted for by the application fee will be invoiced at the end of the review process. If the amount due is not received by the Department within 30 calendar days from date of the invoice, the application may be denied.

(e) An application is complete when the applicant has provided the information, documents, and nonrefundable application fee required in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b) through (d).

(1) If the application is incomplete, the applicant must submit the missing requirement(s) of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b) through (d) to the Department within 120 calendar days from the transmission date of the Department's notification. The application will be deemed abandoned if the applicant fails to provide the missing requirement(s) to the Department within this specified timeframe.

(2) If the application is complete but does not meet the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910, the applicant must submit clarification or additional information in writing to the Department within 120 calendar days from the transmission date of the Department's notification. The application will be deemed abandoned if the applicant fails to provide the clarification or additional information to the Department within this specified timeframe.

(3) The applicant may request additional time to respond to the Department's notification in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (e)(1) or (e)(2) by submitting a written request for postponement. An abandoned application is not eligible for postponement.

(A) Only one postponement may be requested per application.

(B) Postponement must be no longer than one year from the date the applicant submits the request for postponement to the Department.

(C) The application will be deemed abandoned if the applicant fails to submit a written request for reactivation of the application and the applicant's response to the Department's notification in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (e)(1) or (e)(2) before the end of the postponement period.

(D) After reactivation of the application, any days remaining in the postponement period are void for use as additional postponement days or for the

response days described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (e)(1) and (e)(2).

(4) If the application is deemed abandoned, the applicant may reapply by complying with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b) through (d), including payment of another nonrefundable application fee.

(f) If the application is approved, the applicant will be issued a written letter of approval for the sale and use of the reduction chamber in California. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Bureau.

(g) A manufacturer may request approval to alter an approved reduction chamber model. The request must include a description of the proposed alterations, including how the alterations differ from the approved model, and a unique reduction chamber model identifier, which will be used to identify the altered model. If the schematics and pictures are updated as a result of the proposed alterations, then the schematics and pictures must be submitted as part of the request.

(1) If the proposed alterations to the approved model change any of the information submitted in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b)(5) through (b)(22), then approval for the requested alteration must be denied. Manufacturer must submit a new application by complying with California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b) through (d), including payment of another nonrefundable application fee, for further evaluation of the proposed alterations.

(2) If the proposed alterations to the approved model do not change any of the information submitted in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65945 subdivisions (b)(5) through (b)(22), then the applicant may be issued a letter of approved alteration. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Bureau.

(3) Updates and improvements to the reduction chamber operator's manual or the sales brochure do not qualify as alterations to the approved model. Updated operator's manuals and sales brochures must be submitted to the Department within 30 calendar days of publication.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code.

Article 7. Reduction Chamber Operations

Adopt Section 65950 to read as follows:

Section 65950. Reduction Efficiency Reporting

(a) A reduction facility must submit to the Department a reduction efficiency report for each of the first 20 reductions. Each reduction efficiency report must include the reduction facility's name, license number, and the following:

(1) A description of the condition of the human remains before reduction, including height and weight, and any preparations or written releases required per California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65915 and 65920.

(2) A description of the feedstocks added to the reduction chamber, including type and weight or volume.

(3) The written plan for reduction, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(A) Human remains preparation prior to inclusion within the reduction chamber.

(B) Feedstocks and water mix preparations prior to the start of reduction.

(C) Reduction chamber monitoring methods.

(D) Turning events.

(E) Removal of the reduced human remains from the reduction chamber.

(F) The contingency plan for reduced human remains that fail to achieve temperature and time monitoring requirements or fail one or both confirmation tests.

(4) A list and description of any mementos added to the reduction chamber.

(5) The starting weight of reduction, which is the combined weight of the human remains, feedstocks, water, and mementos, if any, that will be placed into the reduction chamber.

(6) The reduction chamber monitoring log and all confirmation testing results, as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 65935 and 65940.

(7) The ambient temperature of the area in the reduction facility where reduction occurs, at a frequency of not less than one reading every hour.

(8) The final weight of the reduction.

(b) The reduction facility must submit each reduction efficiency report to the Department within 15 calendar days of the reduced human remains passing

confirmation testing, as described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65940.

(c) The reduction facility will be issued a written letter of reduction efficiency after submitting the final reduction efficiency report.

(1) A reduction facility must submit additional reduction efficiency reports if any of the first 20 reductions fail to achieve the temperature and time monitoring requirements or fail one or both confirmation tests when first tested. The number of additional reduction efficiency report must equal the number of reductions that failed either the temperature and time monitoring requirement or confirmation testing when first tested.

(2) No further reduction efficiency reporting is required once a reduction facility receives a written letter of reduction efficiency.

(d) The reduction facility must retain all reports and letters described in this section for at least ten (10) years after reduction is complete.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 8395, Health and Safety Code.

Adopt Section 65955 to read as follows:

Section 65955. Reduction Chamber Inspection and Operation

(a) Reduction chambers are subject to inspection by the Department's representative to confirm they comply with California Code of Regulations, title 22, Chapter 24.

(1) Inspections may occur with or without advance notice to the reduction facility.

(2) Inspections may be conducted both during and outside a reduction facility's regular business hours.

(3) The reduction facility must allow the Department's representative access to all reduction chambers, reduction facility spaces, and any related documentation.

(b) After inspection, the reduction facility will be issued an inspection report.

(1) The report will be written with reference to California Code of Regulations, title 22, Chapter 24.

(2) Identified reduction chambers must not be operated until proof of repair or correction of violation is submitted to and accepted by the Department.

(A) The reduction facility must notify the Department in writing if a reduction chamber cannot be repaired and remove the identified reduction chamber from further use in reduction.

(B) The reduction facility will be issued a letter of permanent disrepair for the specific reduction chamber after receiving written notification. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Bureau.

(3) The reduction facility must retain all reports and letters described in this subdivision for at least ten (10) years after reduction is complete.

(c) A reduction facility must provide written notification to the Department within 15 calendar days and must include the date of occurrence and the reduction chamber identifying information described in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 65910, when the following occurs:

(1) A reduction chamber is acquired.

(2) A reduction chamber malfunctions, rendering the reduction chamber unsafe or ineffective. The malfunctioning reduction chamber must not be operated until proof of repair is submitted to and accepted by the Department.

(3) A reduction chamber is permanently removed from use. Notification must include a description of the reduction chamber's disposal.

Authority cited: Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; sections 131056 and 131200 Health and Safety Code. **Reference:** Section 7714.3, Business and Professional Code; section 8392, Health and Safety Code.