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Environmental Auditing on Waste

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The CAO's Approach in Auditing waste management :

1-Following–up the national wastes policies and programs.

2-Auditing the adherence of ministries , governmental organizations , etc. to the national environmental laws ,regulations belongs to wastes as well as the international obligations and engagements.

3-Reporting and following-up the Recommendations.

Work Scope and Methodology

Nature of mission and objective :

The plan of the CAO targeted control on the management of Hazardous healthcare wastes in public hospitals with the aim of :

1-Preserving , protecting and improving environment.

2-Contributing positively to the protection of public health

3-Achieving optimal use of financial and human resources

Work Scope and Methodology

Work planning and field of inspection :

1-defining tasks and roles of every one, establishing a time schedule ,follow-up of the team's work.

2- The Egyptian national strategy on wastes.

3-Law No. 4/1994 and its executive regulation in respect of environment.

4-international agreements (Basel convention).

5-Environmental management systems in hospitals.

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Plan implementation and Reporting :

The plan was implemented in light of the following guides:

1-International Auditing Practice Statements (IAPS,1010).

2-Guidlines issued by WGEA.

3- Field visits and interviews.

4-Carrying out documentary inspection .

5-Obtaining written Representation letter.

Key problems and challenges :

1- Lack of technical experts and local auditing standards.

2-Some hospitals have no databases

3-Some hospitals gave no response to the inquires of the CAO

4-Increasing number of hospitals subject to inspection

Action steps taken to resolving the problems and challenges:

1- Outsourcing technical experts.

2- Preparing a training courses

3- using the guidelines papers issued by both IFAC and WGEA.

4-Setting a time plan to cover the all of hospitals.

5-Introducing new model forms and descriptive indicators for evaluating performance.

Conclusions (results) :

1-Lack of convenient way of transporting , stocking and disposal of hazardous wastes.

2-No book-keeping or recording of the hazardous healthcare wastes.

3-Poor potentials and necessary financial resources.

Recommendations :

1- about national strategy for the management of hazardous wastes.

2- about Facilities for Treating , Transportation , Warehousing and disposal of wastes.

3- about The necessary financial resources.

4- about Environmental standards requirements.

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Thank you for your attention

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