

**Oklahoma**

The statutory provisions include:

Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act, as amended, 27A Oklahoma Statute 1997 Edition, Sections 2-7-103, 2-7-108(A), 2-7-108(B)(1), 2-7-108(B)(3), 2-7-108(C), 2-7-110(B), 2-7-110(C), 2-7-111(A), 2-7-111(B) (except the last sentence and the phrase, "recycling" in the first sentence), 2-7-111(C)(2)(a) (except the phrase "Except as provided in subparagraph b of this paragraph" and the word "recycling" in the first sentence), 2-7-111(D), 2-7-111(E) (except the word "recycling" in the first sentence), 2-7-112, 2-7-116(B) through 2-7-116(F), 2-7-116(H)(2), 2-7-118(A), 2-7-124, 2-7-125, 2-7-127 and 2-10-301(G).

Copies of the Oklahoma statutes that are incorporated by reference are available from West Publishing Company, 610 Opperman Drive, PO Box 64526, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0526.

The regulatory provisions include:

The Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 252, Chapter 205, effective June 12, 2000: Subchapter 1, Sections 252:205-1-1(a), 252:205-1-1(c) introductory paragraph, 252:205-1-1(c)(1), 252:205-1-2 introductory paragraph, 252:205-1-2 "OHWMMA", 252:205-1-2 "Post-closure permit", 252:205-1-3(c); Subchapter 3, Sections 252:205-3-1, 252:205-3-2(a)(2), 252:205-3-2(b)-(m), 252:205-3-4, 252:205-3-5 and 252:205-3-6; Subchapter 5, Sections 252:205-5-1 (except 252:205-5-1(4)), 252:205-5-2 through 252:205-5-5; Subchapter 7, Sections 252:205-7-1 through 252:205-7-3 and 252:205-7-4 (except the phrase "or in accordance with 252:205-15-1(d)); Subchapter 9 (except 252:205-9-5 and 252:205-9-6); Subchapter 11, 252:205-11-1(a) (except the word "recycling"), 252:205-11-1(b) through 252:205-11-1(e) and 252:205-11-2; and Subchapter 13, Sections 252:205-13-1(a)-(e).

Copies of the Oklahoma regulations that are incorporated by reference can be obtained from The Oklahoma Register, Office of Administrative Rules, Secretary of State, 101 State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****42 CFR Part 102**

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**Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Smallpox (Vaccinia) Vaccine Injury Table**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Interim Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 (SEPPA), Public Law 108-20, 117 Stat. 638, authorized the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary), through the establishment of the Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (the Program), to provide benefits and/or compensation to certain persons who have sustained injuries as a result of the administration of smallpox covered countermeasures (including the smallpox vaccine) or as a result of vaccinia contracted through accidental vaccinia inoculations.

The SEPPA directed the Secretary to establish, by interim final rule, a table identifying adverse effects (including injuries, disabilities, conditions, and deaths) that shall be presumed to result from the administration of or exposure to the smallpox vaccine, and the time interval in which the first symptom or manifestation of each listed injury must manifest in order for such presumption to apply. As mandated by law, the Secretary is establishing such a Smallpox (Vaccinia) Vaccine Injury Table (the Table) through this interim final rule. The Secretary is also establishing a set of Table Definitions and Requirements, which define the terms and conditions included on the Table and are to be read in conjunction with the Table.

The Secretary is seeking public comment on the Table established through this interim final rule. At a later date, the Secretary will publish a companion final rule setting forth the administrative implementation of the Program. The public will then be afforded an additional opportunity to comment on the procedures set forth therein.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective on August 27, 2003. Written comments must be submitted on or before October 27, 2003. The Secretary will consider the comments received and will decide whether to amend the Table based upon such comments.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments concerning this interim final rule should be submitted to the Director, Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Office of Special Programs, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 16C-17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Express and courier mail should be sent to Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Office of Special Programs, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4350 East West Highway, 10th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Electronic comments should be sent to [smallpox@hrsa.gov](mailto:smallpox@hrsa.gov). Comments received will be available for public inspection at the Office of Special Programs, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4350 East West Highway, 10th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Federal Government work days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Vito Caserta, telephone (301) 443-4956. This is not a toll-free number. Electronic inquiries should be sent to [smallpox@hrsa.gov](mailto:smallpox@hrsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Prior to its eradication, smallpox (variola) was a serious illness that manifested either as outbreaks of variola major with death rates of greater than 20 percent or variola minor with death rates approaching 1 percent. Those who survived were frequently left with significant disabilities, such as blindness. Smallpox (vaccinia) vaccine (referred to in this rule as the "smallpox vaccine") was an essential tool for the successful global eradication of smallpox (variola), announced by the World Health Organization in 1980. Despite such eradication, concern exists that terrorists may have access to the smallpox (variola) virus (referred to in this rule as the "smallpox virus").

On December 13, 2002, the President announced a plan to protect the population of the United States against the threat of a possible smallpox attack. This plan was based on heightened concerns, in the wake of the attacks of September and October 2001, that terrorists may have access to the smallpox virus and may attempt to use it against the population of the United States and government facilities abroad. Under this plan, which the Secretary is actively working to implement, State and local governments have formed volunteer smallpox response teams that will be prepared to provide critical services to the population of the United