

SECTION 300 - ENFORCING REGULATIONS

301. General

The Department shall utilize inspections, investigations, consultations, and other pertinent documentation regarding a proposed or licensed facility in order to enforce this regulation.

302. Inspections and Investigations

A. An inspection shall be conducted prior to initial licensing. Inspections shall be conducted as deemed appropriate by the Department. (I)

B. All facilities, proposed facilities, or unlicensed facilities are subject to inspection or investigation at any time without prior notice by individuals authorized by South Carolina Code of Laws. (II)

C. Individuals authorized by the Department shall be granted access to all properties and areas, objects, and records. If photocopies are made for the Department inspector, they shall be used only for purposes of enforcement of regulations and confidentiality shall be maintained except to verify individuals in enforcement action proceedings. Physical area of inspections shall be determined by the extent to which there is potential impact or effect upon residents as determined by the inspector. (I)

D. A facility or proposed facility found noncompliant with the standards of this regulation shall submit an acceptable written plan of correction to the Department that shall be signed by the administrator and returned by the date specified on the report of inspection or investigation. The written plan of correction shall describe: (II)

1. The actions taken to correct each cited deficiency;
2. The actions taken to prevent recurrences (actual and similar);
3. The actual or expected completion dates of those actions.

E. Reports of inspections or investigations conducted by the Department, including the response(s) by the facility or proposed facility, shall be provided to the public upon written request with the redaction of the names of those persons in the report as provided by S.C. Code Ann. Sections 44-7-310 and 44-7-315 (1976, as amended).

303. Consultations

Consultations may be provided by the Department as requested by the facility or as deemed appropriate by the Department.