

Notice to the Profession

Issued by the Registrar, *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

RE: Alkaline Hydrolysis Disposition

The BAO is aware of increasing interest in employing alkaline hydrolysis technology as a method for disposing of human remains.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* (FBCSA) does not address alkaline hydrolysis specifically, but provisions of the FBCSA dealing with crematoriums, cremation and crematorium services do apply, with necessary modifications, to establishments that provide alternative processes (such as alkaline hydrolysis). [Reference Section 1.1(2) FBCSA.]

To properly achieve its public interest objectives under the FBCSA, it is necessary for the BAO to understand fully what modifications may be necessary to safeguard public health, the environment, safety, respectful handling of human remains and consumer protection with respect to the alkaline hydrolysis process.

Accordingly, the BAO is undertaking a comprehensive study and assessment of these factors and issues.

Persons who are contemplating licensure as an alkaline hydrolysis operator are cautioned that the application process may be significantly lengthy while the application is being considered, pending the outcome of the study. The study may result in the creation of standards or guidelines that could affect various aspects of alkaline hydrolysis disposition in Ontario, including but not limited to standards governing the equipment, premises, process, qualifications of personnel, documentation and communication with consumers.

Questions regarding the BAO's study or the alkaline hydrolysis application process may be directed to Registrar@thebao.ca or 1-844-493-6356.



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