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Mr. Hyatt-Boyd:

This is in response to your letter requesting clarifications on Oregon OSHA's position regarding transportation of biohazardous waste.

Under OAR 437-1910.1030, "Bloodborne Pathogens," containers of hazardous waste may be transported as long as they are closed, constructed to contain all contents and prevent leaking, and labeled or color-coded. As long as all of these requirements are met, OR-OSHA's rules allow for containers to be transported.

However, the transportation of biomedical waste falls within the jurisdiction of the Oregon Department of Transportation, and they should be contacted to verify that there are no additional requirements under their rules.

We hope this answers your question regarding this matter. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact David McLaughlin at (503) 947-7457.

Sincerely,

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