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Ms. Bagwell:

This is in response to your letters of May 20, 1997 to Rodney Boast and David McLaughlin, requesting regulatory information on medical waste.

Oregon OSHA's rules regarding medical waste, OAR 437-002-1910.1030, "Bloodborne Pathogens" requires that all materials contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials either be cleaned and decontaminated or discarded. Our rules specify the type of containers which must be used when materials are disposed of, depending on the type of waste, and specify that all disposal methods must be in accordance with the requirements of all federal, state, county, city, or any other political subdivisions. Oregon OSAs rules do not address these disposal methods.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality would be the office best suited to answer your questions regarding disposal methods. Their address is:

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
811 SW Sixth Ave.
Portland, OR 97204
(503) 229-5850

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) 378-3272.

Sincerely,

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