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Subject: REGULATED WASTE AND CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

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 Contaminated materials and other regulated wastes (e.g. used needles, bandages, etc.) shall not be left on the highway or other emergency scene locations.

- a. All such items shall be picked up and placed in appropriate containers for return to Supply and proper disposal.
- 2. Regulated waste shall be placed in containers, which are constructed to prevent leakage, appropriately labeled, color-coded, and closed before removal.
- 3. If outside contamination of a regulated waste container occurs, it shall be placed in a second container which is leak-proof, appropriately colored, labeled, and sealed for disposal.
- 4. Disposal of regulated waste shall be conducted at an off-site location using the services of a biohazardous waste disposal company and will follow federal, state, and local standards.
 - a. The current licensed biomedical waste company that Hillsborough County contracts with is:

BioWaste Industries P.O. Box 540417 Orlando, FL 32854 (407) 850-1010

- 5. Any waste not contaminated but placed into a biohazardous waste container shall not be removed.
- 6. All sharps or potentially sharp objects contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be placed into a rigid puncture resistant container.