Are you preparing suspected Ebola contaminated waste for transportation?

Ebola contaminated waste is considered a Category A infectious substance and must be doubled bagged and placed in a rigid outer package (drum) prior to transportation.

Packaging Requirements:

Use plastic film bags, 175 liters or smaller (46 Gallons), and weigh no more than 22 lbs. when filled.

Plastic film bags must be compatible with the EPA-registered disinfectant that is recommended by the CDC for use against the Ebola virus. For the EPA list of registered disinfectants see http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/list-l-ebola-virus.html.

Packaging Preparation:

1. Bag the waste
   - Put contaminated waste into plastic bag
   - Use authorized container for sharps
   - Wrap sharp edges to prevent puncturing of the plastic bag
   - Add EPA-registered disinfectant
   - Tie a knot to close the bag
   - Spray exterior surface with disinfectant

2. Double bag
   - Put first bag into a second plastic bag with the knot facing upward
   - Tie a knot to close the bag
   - Spray exterior surface with disinfectant

3. Put contaminated waste in outer drum
   - Place absorbent material in bottom of drum or liner if using fiber drum
   - Put bags in outer drum (can be metal, poly, or fiber drum with plastic liner*)
   - If using fiber drum, zip tie liner
   - Secure the drum

For more information on transporting infectious-substances, please visit the PHMSA website at: http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/transporting-infectious-substances or contact the Hazmat Info Center: 1-800-467-4922