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Ref. No. 03-0297

Dear Mr. Chilcott:

This responds to your letter requesting clarification on the segregation requirements under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you inquire whether regulated medical waste, Division 6.2, may be transported with other materials in the same motor vehicle.

Under the HMR, there are no segregation or separation restrictions for the highway transport of regulated medical waste, Division 6.2, that has been properly packaged.

I trust this satisfies your inquiry. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Mazzullo,

Today I had a conversation with Jessica Parson who was very helpful in answering my question on the transport of regulated medical waste in trucks with other products on it at the same time. She went to the Code of Federal Regulations 49.177.848 and told me that since the segregation table in this section did not include 6.2 (regulated medical waste) there were no segregation restrictions on the transport of medical waste properly packaged in DOT tested and accepted containers.

Since our hospitals like to have a letter from your agency stating that what Jessica Parson told me is true, which I am sure is right, I would greatly appreciate this opinion writing for my records so when the question comes up again I have strong documentation.

Respectfully Requested,

Gary Chilcott Pres/CEO

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