



FW: Procedure for Disposal of Medical Waste and Landfill Concerns (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Forwarding comments on Procedure for Disposal of Medical Waste and Landfield concerns

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> Hi Harriet:

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> I agree that something needs to be done. I was appalled when I saw the news
> on T.V.; vials with contaminated blood, syringes with needles...Yuck!! Why
> weren't these bio-hazardous waste disposed of more securely. I find it's
> stupid that care is taken when a medical staffer administers uses a syringe
> and/or vials; they protect themselves and dispose of the paraphernalia in a
> clearly marked designated container. It is removed and put into a larger
> clearly marked container. What happens after that is that the bio-hazardous
> waste is treated like regular trash?! Come on...the paraphernalia should be
> sterilized or auto-claved or put in a sealed container were it cannot be
> easily exposed to the natural elements.

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> You'll never be certain that all of the paraphernalia will be picked up. The
> uncertainty of a undiscovered needle still lurks in the sand. What's done is
> done and cannot be undone but we can do something to avoid it from happening
> again. More stringent regulations on disposing bio-hazardous waste needs to
> be established and/or enforced.

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> Thanks for hearing me out on this "hot" topic! And if you can pass this to
> whomever.

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> JoAnne Yamamoto

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