

## MEDICAL WASTE—Regulated (RMW)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) includes human blood, blood products, body fluids, pathological wastes and used/unused sharps. If you handle RMW, you are required by law to have training under OSHA Regulations 29 CFR 1910.1200 (HAZCOM and HAZWOPER) and 29 CFR 1910.1030 (Bloodborne Pathogen Standard).

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Regulated medical waste (also known as infectious waste) is a waste capable of causing infectious disease in humans.

### WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

The handling, treatment, transportation and disposal of RMW is regulated by federal, Army, MEDCOM and Installation regulations.

### HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**Step 1:** Only trained personnel should handle RMW.

**Step 2:** Non-MEDCOM units will follow established RMW management procedures.

**Step 3:** Ensure proper containers are available for the collection of RMW (i.e. “red bags”, sharps containers).

**Step 4:** Do not overfill or compress RMW in containers.

**Step 5:** Contact your unit medical support activity, Schofield Barracks Health Clinic or TAMC Logistics for further information.

