

be held at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada on July 13, 2004, at 9 a.m. The Commissioners will discuss aspects of their reporting in FY2001.

The Commission was reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 106-113 (H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000). The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is a bipartisan Presidentially appointed panel created by Congress in 1948 to provide oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current Commission members include Barbara M. Barrett of Arizona, who is the Chairman; Harold C. Pachios of Maine; Ambassador Penne Percy Korth of Washington, DC; Ambassador Elizabeth F. Bagley of Washington, DC; Charles "Tre" Evers III of Florida; Jay T. Snyder of New York; and Maria Sophia Aguirre of Washington, DC.

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Dated: June 14, 2004.

Matthew J. Lauer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority 275]

Delegation by the Deputy Secretary of State to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs of All Authorities Normally Vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and delegated to me pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 245 (April 23, 2001), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, including all authorities vested in the Secretary that have been delegated to that Under Secretary by Delegation of Authority No. 234 (October 1, 1999), or that may be

delegated or re-delegated to that Under Secretary.

Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall enter into effect on June 17, 2004, and shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a new Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

Any re-delegation of authority by the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 234, shall remain in effect.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 11, 2004.

Richard L. Armitage,

Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-02-13481 (PD-29(R))]

Massachusetts Requirements on the Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of administrative determination of preemption by RSPA's Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

Local Laws Affected: Title 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 480.000 *et seq.*

Applicable Federal Requirements: Federal hazardous material transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*, and the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), 49 CFR parts 171-180.

Modes Affected: Highway and Rail.

SUMMARY: Federal hazardous material transportation law preempts the following requirements because they are not substantively the same as requirements in the Federal hazardous

material transportation law and the HMR:

(1) 105 CMR 480.100(a) that storage containers must be "rodent proof" and "fly-tight" when those containers are used for transporting medical waste in commerce, including preparing medical waste for transportation in commerce.

(2) 105 CMR 480.200(C) that 3 mil bags must be used for waste that is transported off-site.

(3) 105 CMR 480.200(E) that pathological waste and contaminated animal carcasses must be double-bagged in 3 mil bags when transported off-site for disposal.

(4) 105 CMR 480.300(A) that a distinctive label must be used on a container of "sharp wastes * * *" to indicate that it contains sharp waste capable of inflicting punctures or cuts" when those containers are used for transporting medical waste in commerce, including preparing medical waste transportation in commerce.

(5) 105 CMR 480.300(B) that a label with the name, address, and telephone number of the generator must be placed on "every container or bag of waste that has not been rendered noninfectious and which will be transported off the premises of the waste generator."

(6) 105 CMR 480.500(C) that the generator of medical waste must designate on a manifest the address of the delivery site, that the transporter and disposal facility must sign the manifest, and that the disposal facility must return the signed original to the generator.

(7) 105 CMR 480.500(E) that the generator must retain more than one copy of the manifest, and retain a copy of the manifest for more than 375 days after the material is accepted by the initial carrier.

The following requirements are not preempted to the extent that they are applied and enforced in the same manner as requirements in the HMR:

(1) 105 CMR 480.500(A) & (B) that the generator of medical waste to be transported in commerce must prepare a shipping paper or manifest that includes a description of the waste, the total quantity, and the type of container in which the waste is transported.

(2) 105 CMR 480.500(C) that the generator of medical waste must sign the manifest.

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