**Section 1421.121 Standards and Criteria**

a) PIMW, except for oversized PIMW, must be placed in a container, or a combination of containers. The container must be:

1) Rigid*;*

2) Leak-resistant*;*

3) Impervious to moisture*;*

4) Of a strength sufficient to prevent tearing or bursting under normal conditions of use and handling; and

5) Sealed to prevent leakage during transport.

b) Sharps, unless rendered unrecognizable by treatment, must be packaged in a container or a combination of containers that is puncture-resistant and complies with subsection (a).

c) Oversized PIMW must be covered or packaged in a manner that minimizes contact with transport workers and the public. Do not package sharps with oversized PIMW in the same container.

d) If the outside of a container is contaminated by PIMW, the container must be placed inside another container, or the container must be cleaned and disinfected in compliance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420.107. In either case, the container or combination of containers must comply with subsection (a) or (b).

e) Once a reusable container has been cleaned and disinfected in compliance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420.107, it can be used for only waste. If a reusable container is not or cannot be cleaned and disinfected in compliance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420.107, it must be regulated as PIMW under this Subtitle.

f) Residues from cleaning a PIMW container, or discharges from PIMW packages, are regulated under this Subtitle, except when discharged directly into a sanitary or combined sewer in compliance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle C.

BOARD NOTE: Interested persons should note that units of local government can regulate discharges to sewer systems.

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