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Agenda Item 4.A. – (G. Mills)

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Edition: 2000

Background Information (optional): STORAGE BINS

Question 1:

Is it acceptable to have containers used for soiled linen and trash collection purposes that are designed with a capacity greater than 32 gallons in a healthcare or ambulatory occupancy?

Answer 1: YES

Yes provided they are in a room designated as a hazardous area as defined in the Life Safety Chapter (see also NFPA 101-2000 18/19.7.5.5; 18/19.3.2.1 and 20/21.7.5.5).

If the container is located in the area outside a hazardous room and has the capacity to exceed 32 gallons the following will need to occur:

1. A means to limit the internal capacity (such as an insert) to \leq 32gallons (.5 gallons per square foot in any 64 square foot area)
2. Ability to field verify the modified capacity (i.e. open door to visually confirm the insert is in place)
3. Label on container clearly indicating modified capacity