

**571—104.11(481A) Identification and disposal requirements.** Affected and exposed animals must remain on the premises where they are found until they are identified and disposed of in accordance with this rule.

**104.11(1)** The carcasses of affected or exposed animals may be disposed of at a permitted sanitary disposal project, incinerated in a department-approved incinerator, or buried on the premises. Appropriate disposal method(s) will be determined by the department. If burial is the approved method, it must be done in accordance with all of the following:

*a.* A maximum loading rate of 20 Cervidae per acre per year may be buried on the premises. Animals or parts thereof that are less than 40 pounds may be buried without regard to number.

*b.* The animals are buried in soils listed in tables contained in the county soil surveys and soil interpretation records (published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service) as being moderately well drained, well drained, somewhat excessively well drained, or excessively drained.

*c.* The lowest elevation of the burial pit is 6 feet or less below the surface.

*d.* The animals are immediately covered with a minimum of 6 inches of soil and finally covered with a total minimum of 30 inches of soil.

**104.11(2)** In addition to the disposal methods listed in 104.11(1), the Cervidae carcasses, or portions thereof, which come into the possession of the department for the purpose of disease testing or for any other reason may be disposed of by burial on public property under the jurisdiction of the department provided that burial is done in accordance with 104.11(1)“*a*” through “*d*” and the location of burial is situated to minimize the impact on public use of the property.