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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Use of Reconditioned Absorbents

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to reestablish policy on Fort Rucker for the purchase of absorbent materials used in maintenance activities, spill cleanup, and other industrial applications. Wherever the mission and maintenance standards allow, organizations and major support contractors on post must purchase rags, wipes, towels, absorbent pads, socks, and booms (absorbents) from qualified vendors who offer reconditioning and reuse services for the items once they are used.
2. Historically, organizations have purchased absorbents from various vendors and then spent additional labor, time, and money to manage and dispose of these items after use as hazardous waste. This is potentially Fort Rucker's largest hazardous waste stream. This program has been demonstrated to significantly reduce operating costs, hazardous waste volume, and liability by procuring these items from vendors who also offer reconditioning and reuse services. The reconditioned items have been demonstrated to be just as effective for the job as brand new ones.
3. Organizations and major support contractors on Fort Rucker will purchase items through the Hazardous Material Control Center directly from existing purchasing mechanisms designated for your office or contract. You are considered an agent of the Government when utilizing your established purchase mechanisms and should follow all applicable purchasing guidelines or approvals.
4. For more details about this program, please contact your organization's Environmental Officer or the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Public Works, at 334-255-1024.
5. This policy and program are important steps we must take to minimize hazardous waste generation, costs, and liability and maximize the resources needed to sustain Fort Rucker's mission and meet strategic and environmental objectives.
6. This memorandum supersedes GC Policy Memo 15-23, dated 22 December 2015, and will remain in effect until changed or formally rescinded.


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