

MCB Camp Pendleton Environmental Standard Operating Procedure



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Aerosol Cans

Aerosol cans contain a variety of materials (lubricant, solvents, pesticides, adhesives, paints, etc.) under pressure. The major components of aerosol cans include the can, the cap, and the nozzle. Aerosol cans are considered a hazardous waste in California. Management of hazardous wastes are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Follow the management procedures below for proper management and disposal of aerosol cans.

Management Procedure

1. Remove the nozzle from the can. If there is a stem on the can, put the cap back on and thoroughly tape it up so that contents will not be accidentally released. The nozzle can be discarded into the trash.
2. If there is no stem when the nozzle is removed, keep the nozzle off and store the aerosol can in the appropriate container per its hazard class.
3. As a best management practice, retain extra caps for future use as caps are often discarded, damaged, or missing from aerosol cans.
4. Store aerosol cans in containers depending on their hazard class (ignitable, corrosive, or toxic). Do not store a combination of hazard classes together. Empty aerosol cans can be stored with partially filled aerosol cans.
5. Aerosol cans may be accumulated at either a satellite accumulation area or a 60-day accumulation site for up to nine months or until the 55-gallon drum is full. However, containers may only be wasted out from a 60-day accumulation site.
6. Place a universal waste label on the container. The attached universal waste label can be printed out, placed in a document protector or zip lock bag, and taped to the container.
7. Identify the contents of the container as "Ignitable Aerosol Cans" if the contents can be classified as ignitable or flammable.
8. Identify the contents of the container as "Corrosive Aerosol Cans" if the contents of the can is classified as corrosive.
9. Identify the contents of the container as "Toxic Aerosol Cans" for all other aerosol cans.

10. Contact Environmental Security (Hazardous Waste) at 760-725-4375/9742/1963/0213 or [PNDL ENV-Hazardous-Waste@usmc.mil](mailto:PNDL_ENV-Hazardous-Waste@usmc.mil) for any additional information or for assistance with disposing of aerosol cans.

References

1. California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Article 9, Section 25201.16.
2. Hazardous Waste Management for Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (MCIWEST-MCB CAMPENO 5090.7A)

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