

MCB Camp Pendleton Environmental Standard Operating Procedure



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Refrigerant Recovery

Refrigerant must be removed from appliances and equipment prior to disposal. There is a refrigerant recovery program available through the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to recover refrigerant from appliances or equipment that are unwanted or unneeded prior to their final disposition.

Follow the management procedures below for refrigerant recovery prior to disposal of appliances or equipment.

Management Procedure

1. The equipment or appliances containing refrigerants are not considered a hazardous waste. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the unit to determine where and how best to store the equipment or appliances prior to disposal.
2. Refrigerant recovery operations occur on the third Thursday of every month from 0700 to 1030 at Building 2296, Facilities Maintenance Department (FMD). Once refrigerant has been recovered, an appointment with DLA must be made by the equipment or appliance for equipment disposal.
3. If disposal is required of numerous appliances or large refrigeration units, contact Environmental Security to schedule an appointment for the freon contractor to come to the equipment for recovery.
4. Upon arrival at Building 2296, check in with the on-site Environmental Protection Specialist. Provide your unit name, point of contact, building number, quantity of items, size, type, and contact phone number.
5. Refrigerant recovery is on a first come, first serve basis and only one refrigerant containing appliance can be recovered at a time. Be prepared to wait until the recovery unit is available as there may be a line. You cannot drop off appliances or equipment and leave.
6. Once the refrigerant has been recovered, the unit will be given a proof-of-removal certificate.
7. Make an appointment with DLA at 760-725-4332 for the final disposition of unwanted refrigerant-containing systems. It is the unit's responsibility to transport the equipment from Building 2296 to DLA for disposal.
8. Contact Environmental Security (Hazardous Waste) at 760-725-4375/9742/1963/0213 or PNDL_ENV-Hazardous-Waste@usmc.mil for any additional information or for assistance with refrigerant recovery.

References

1. 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 82

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