

Environmental Management Bulletin

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Flameless Ration Heaters

1. Purpose. This Environmental Management Bulletin is to provide guidance to the installation for the proper management of the Flameless Ration Heaters (FRHs).
2. Background. FRHs are flat fiberboard pads that come within the Meal; Ready-to-Eat (MRE) ration packages. FRHs are provided in MREs to ensure soldiers will have an opportunity to consume a hot meal at any time and any place.
3. **Single FRH** - Unused or used FRHs disposed of by individual soldiers in the field, or residential setting, may be discarded as general solid waste IAW the household hazardous waste (HW) exclusion in 40 CFR 261.4(b) (1). This exclusion also applies to FRHs that are collected from a group of soldiers for disposal or reuse, as long as the FRHs were initially issued to a soldier for individual use.
4. **Multiple, Unused FRHs** - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and DA have determined that unused FRHs (in bulk) **not** packaged with MREs that have never been issued to soldiers present an ignitable hazard and must be managed as a hazardous waste and are not to be disposed of in dumpsters around the installation.
5. Questions regarding this guidance can be addressed by calling the DPW Environmental Branch at 596-0882.