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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(ENVIRONMENT)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE)
STAFF DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DM-E)

SUBJECT: Spent Blast Media (SBM) Management Policy

The Department of Defense (DoD) regularly purchases or leases blast media used to prepare equipment for painting or repair. While blast media may be reused on-site, once blast media is no longer usable for painting or repair, it is considered Spent Blast Media (SBM).

Prior to making a decision to recycle SBM, the DoD Component must initially sample the SBM and determine that it is non-hazardous using the appropriate test method(s) (e.g. Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP)). In addition to sampling, the DoD Component must also determine whether the SBM contains a listed hazardous waste. SBM determined to be non-hazardous can be recycled or disposed of at an appropriate facility in accordance with federal, State and local requirements.

SBM identified as hazardous waste will be disposed of at a permitted hazardous waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility. When SBM is identified as hazardous, DoD Components will not claim or use the hazardous secondary material reclamation exclusion. This applies to both purchased and leased blast media.

SBM generated outside the United States will follow the same process for characterization and be disposed of in accordance with international agreements and Final Governing Standards or DoD 4715.5-G, *Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document*, as applicable.

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