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SUBJECT: MMSC Numbered Letter 95-09, Asbestos

TO: Recipients of DoD 4160.21-M [Defense Reutilization and Marketing Manual]. Change 95-09.

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This numbered letter is directive in nature and expires 1 year from the date of this letter unless superseded or rescinded.

1. The purpose of this numbered letter is to revise the policy on disposal of friable and non-friable asbestos, as contained in the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Manual, DoD 4160.21-M, Chapters III and VIII.

2. Pending accomplishment of a formal publication, Chapter III, Definitions, Paragraph B.11, Asbestos, is deleted and revised to read:

"Friable Asbestos Material (as defined in 40 CFR Part 61.141) means any material containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined by using the method specified in appendix A, subpart F, 40 CFR part 763 section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM), that, when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. If the asbestos content is less than 10 percent as determined by a method other than point counting by PLM, verify the asbestos content by point counting using PLM.

Nonfriable Asbestos-Containing Material (as defined in 40 CFR 61.141) means any material containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the method specified in appendix A, Subpart F, 40 CFR part 763, section 1, PLM, that, when dry, cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. Note: any nonfriable asbestos-containing material which is in poor condition (i.e., the binding of the material is losing its integrity as indicated by peeling, cracking, or crumbling of the material), is to be treated as friable asbestos material and is to be turned in to the DRMO as friable asbestos material. Also, any non-friable asbestos-containing material which has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting, or abrading is to be treated as friable asbestos material and is to be turned in to the DRMO."

3. Chapter VIII, Property Requiring Special Processing, Paragraph B.7, Asbestos, is deleted and revised to read:

"Generators may turn in friable asbestos materials (see definitions, Chapter III) to the DRMOs under the following conditions:

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The turn-in activity has packaged the friable asbestos material in accordance with DoT (49 CFR Parts 171 and 172, and 173) and EPA (40 CFR Part 61) standards. The turn-in activity has a warning label on the package in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1001 (j) (2) (ii) stating: "DANGER CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBERS. AVOID CREATING DUST. CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD".

4. Recipients of DoD 4160.21-M are requested to make marginal annotations to the manual at the applicable paragraphs, cross referencing this numbered letter.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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