

MRE/FRH HEATERS

POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE), which contain Flameless Ration Heaters (FRHs), consist of a plastic bag containing a piece of fiberboard and powdered magnesium or magnesium alloys (a water-reactive chemical), along with other materials.

CHARACTERIZATION

EPA has determined that individual MREs containing FRHs are not reactive hazardous wastes and may be disposed of as non-hazardous solid waste. This finding applies to all FRHs packed with MREs issued or in stock.

HANDLING PROCEDURES

1. If units have cases of only FRH's or individual FRH, they may be turned in at the **Convenience Center**.
2. If units have cases of only FRH's, they may also be turned in at the supporting unit's Dining Facility (DFAC) for inspection and reissue to inventory or they can be taken to the Convenience Center.
3. **No FRH's must not be placed in trash.**



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NOTE: If accumulated in boxes please ensure the boxes are taped up. Ensure the actual amount of how many are in the box is written on the outside of box.

NOTE: FRH's can pose a tactical risk if the enemy gets access to them.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For additional information contact **Environmental Division Hazardous Waste**.