#### ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDANCE HANDBOOK

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# 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 MRE/FRH's or individual heaters, they may be turned in at the **Convenience Center**.
- 2. No FRH's must not be placed in trash.

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.



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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.