

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

ABSORBENTS with Petroleum, Oil & Lubricants (POL) from Motorpool Operations (Used rags, pads, booms)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Absorbents include Used Rags, Pads and Booms. Keep absorbents contaminated with other hazardous materials separate from absorbents with POL. Absorbents with gasoline or mogas must be handled differently. Aviation maintenance rags are Hazardous Waste and must be managed separately.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Absorbents *saturated* with POL or gasoline may be flammable and/or toxic.

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Non-saturated used absorbents that are contaminated with POL products from motorpool operations are considered NON-REGULATED WASTE and must be turned in to the DPW TAP.

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Step 1: Use/Re-use absorbents to their fullest extent without becoming saturated (dripping).

Step 2: Place used absorbents into a closable metal container marked “USED POL RAGS”. Always use the rags in the “USED POL RAGS” container first before reaching for a new rag. Re-using rags reduces waste and saves money.

Step 3: When absorbents are no longer usable, place them in a clear plastic bag and contact the ECO to transfer the bag of rags to the RMSSP.

Step 4: The ECO can call the *Waste Pickup Request Line (808) 656-0867* for pickup.

