U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

# **ASBESTOS CONTAINING SAFES / CABINETS**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Some manufacturers of file cabinets/safes, used asbestos as a fireproofing in the past. File cabinets/safes manufactured by Remington Rand should be considered to contain asbestos unless proven otherwise through analysis.

#### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Asbestos presents a risk to human health as a result of air emissions. It is toxic by inhalation and is an active carcinogen. Asbestos-containing products, asbestos-containing material (ACM) and non-friable and friable asbestos waste are regulated for use and disposal by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) 40 CFR 763, Subpart I, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1001, and Clean Air Act (CAA) 40 CFR 61. The exposure effects of asbestos are dangerous and can be fatal. There may be increased health risks associated with exposure by not following the recommended handling procedures.

#### WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Asbestos containing materials are managed as **SPECIAL WASTES** which require controlled disposal to prevent releasing the toxic substance to the environment.

### HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**Step 1:** Determine if the safe is suspected to have ACM via manufacturer's information.

Step 2: If safe has asbestos, then wrap it in plastic and contact:

Mr. Kirk Buckner Disposition Services Pearl Harbor (DSPH) (808) 473-9535



ASBESTOS CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD

> AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

RESPIRATORS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ARE REQUIRED IN THIS AREA

For more info contact: DPW Environmental asbestos and lead based paint program,

(808) 656-0619/ (808) 656-3106