

*United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10*

EPA Seeks Comments on Draft Permit for
United States Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility

Public Comment Period
September 2, 2003 – October 17, 2003

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites you to comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Management Permit for the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF). The U.S. Air Force Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB) has operated the DRMO TSDF under EPA permit since 1993. Hazardous waste is transported to the DRMO TSDF from areas of Elmendorf AFB and from other Department of Defense facilities where the waste is stored, bulked and either transported out of state or recycled. The new permit when finalized will be in effect for ten years from the date of issuance.

EPA encourages you to review the draft permit which describes the conditions for storage of hazardous waste at the facility. In addition, the draft permit describes the corrective action conditions which would be applied if releases of hazardous waste occur from the facility. Copies of the draft permit are available for review at the following locations.

Alaska Resources Library & Information Services (ARLIS), 3150 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska. Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

U.S. EPA Region 10 Alaska Operations Office, New Federal Building, Room 537, 222 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Viewing hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

U.S. EPA Region 10 Seattle Office, 10th Floor Library, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101. Viewing hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than October 17, 2003. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered before EPA makes a final decision on the proposed permit. Your comments should include your name and address and all reasonable available references, factual grounds, and supporting material. Please send your comments to;

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Possible Public Hearing

EPA may hold a public hearing if there is sufficient interest. Requests for a public hearing must be made in writing and must be postmarked or e-mailed by **October 17, 2003**. If you wish to find out if a hearing will take place, please call Howard Orlean at 1-800-424-4372, extension 2851, after **October 17, 2003**.

For people with disabilities: Please contact Howard Orlean at 1-800-424-4372, extension 2851, for requests for reasonable accommodations. For TYY users, please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, and then give the operator Howard Orlean's phone number, above.