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HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER SUPPORT AGENCY

FROM: HQ AFCESA/EN
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SUBJECT: **Engineering Technical Letter (ETL) 94-6: Fire Protection Engineering Criteria - Removal of Halogenated Agent Fire Suppression Systems**

1. Purpose. This ETL provides criteria for removal of halogenated agent fire suppression systems in electronic equipment installations.

2. Application. Requirements of this ETL are mandatory for all Air Force facilities using these systems.

NOTE: Use of "shall" indicates a mandatory requirement. "May" or "should" indicates a nonmandatory action or condition.

2.1. Authority. This ETL complies with the Secretary of the Air Force memorandum of 7 Jan 1993, "Air Force Ban on Purchases of Ozone Depleting Chemicals."

2.2. Effective Date: Immediately. Expires five years from date of issue.

3. Referenced Publications.

3.1. ETL 93-5, *Fire Protection Engineering Criteria - Electronic Equipment Installations.*

4. Specific Requirements. Disable, remove, or place halogenated agents on manual activation according to the following criteria.

NOTE: Electronic equipment installations are not *mission critical* halon applications per the 7 Jan 93 SAF memorandum.

4.1. Existing Systems. For systems protecting:

4.1.1. Mission Essential Equipment.

4.1.1.1. Definition: Electronic equipment which has direct impact on combat mission capability, including equipment integral to combat mission assets or used in direct control of these assets.

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Examples:

- command, control, and communications systems which order launch and recovery of tactical or strategic assets and intelligence systems essential to the defense of the United States and its allies - the bulk of mission essential assets.
- other command, control, communication, and intelligence equipment needed to implement wartime operational plans (OPLANS).
- direct flight/mission control systems.

NOTE: Mission essential equipment usually is located in an automatic data processing area, communications center, or other designated electronic equipment space. Most has duplicate, online, electronic backup capability.

4.1.1.2. Requirement:

- Place system on manual activation.
- Ensure smoke or fire detectors or other automatic mechanisms cannot discharge halogenated agent.

The MAJCOM fire protection engineering office may direct disabling the system and disposing of the agent.

4.1.2. Mission Support Equipment.

4.1.2.1. Definition: Electronic equipment important to an individual unit or to base operations, but without direct and immediate impact on combat mission capability.

Examples:

- most base computers and training devices.
- most special/unique assets such as supercomputers.

NOTE: Mission support equipment usually is kept in a computer room or other designated electronic equipment space. Most has backup computing/operational capability available within 24 to 48 hours.

4.1.2.2. Requirement.

- Disable the system.
- Dispose of the agent IAW the latest Air Staff/MAJCOM guidance.

On a case-by-case basis, the MAJCOM fire protection engineering office may authorize retaining the system and placing it on manual activation.

4.1.3. Incidental Equipment.

4.1.3.1. Definition: Other electronic equipment including (but not limited to):

- word processing stations, printers, and systems.
- typewriters.
- microcomputers.
- office automation systems.
- individual data output stations (such as printers).
- individual computer work stations.
- telephones.
- video conferencing centers.
- administrative telephone switching systems.
- reproduction equipment.

NOTE: Electronic equipment outside a computer room or other designated electronic equipment space usually is incidental equipment.

4.1.3.2. Requirement.

- Disable the system.
- Dispose of the agent IAW the latest Air Staff/MAJCOM guidance.

Hardware may be removed at the discretion of the MAJCOM.

4.2. Systems Remaining on Manual Activation. Program these systems for removal and upgrade facilities to comply with ETL 93-5. Renovate or modify facilities IAW the following:

Priority #1: Facilities with mission essential equipment.

Priority #2: Facilities with mission support equipment of \$2 million or more in value.

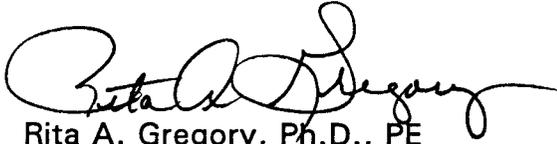
Priority #3: Facilities with other mission support equipment.

4.3. New/Replacement Gaseous Systems (Using Either Halogenated or Nonhalogenated Agents). Use of these systems is prohibited. Do not specify or purchase. They include:

- total flooding systems;
- local application systems;
- specialized systems such as self-contained fire detection/suppression systems for equipment enclosures.

NOTE: No proposed substitute chemical yet has met Air Force requirements. HQ AFCES/DFE monitors development of gaseous, nonhalogenated fire suppression agents for possible future use.

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83-3	Interior Wiring Systems, AFM 88-15, Para 7-3	2 Mar 83
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