

CHAPTER 6 - POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS MANAGEMENT

6-1. Purpose. This chapter establishes the policy for the continued use and disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB).

6-2. Applicability. This chapter applies to all USACE commands having responsibility for civil works functions, including floating plant. USACE military-funded facilities will adapt the PCB management guidance in AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, in coordination with CECW-OA.

6-3. Policy. It is the policy of the Corps of Engineers that:

a. USACE activities will comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 761, and other applicable Federal, state and/or local requirements regulating the identification, control, use, storage, handling and disposal of PCBs.

b. Fully serviceable PCB containing equipment will continue to be operated until replacement or removal from service is justified due to condition, obsolescence and/or economic criteria.

c. Unmarked mineral oil electrical equipment, unless otherwise indicated by nameplates, will be automatically assumed to be PCB contaminated, and will be disposed of as such once removed from service.

d. USACE activities with PCBs will establish local procedures to ensure compliance with Federal, state and local requirements. In the absence of legal requirements, they will manage PCBs in a manner which provides environmentally safe handling through their final destruction and disposal.

e. Small PCB capacitors will be disposed of by methods which preserve the integrity of the equipment, as opposed to crushing or other process which may result in a release of PCBs. Incineration in approved PCB incinerators is permitted.

f. Personnel who handle or may potentially be exposed to PCBs will receive training in performing PCB related responsibilities in a safe and environmentally sound manner and will also be included in exposure monitoring and medical surveillance programs in accordance with OSHA, DOD, DA and USACE requirements.

g. PCB management requirements are provided in Chapter 6 of EP 200-2-3. Spill response policy is in Chapter 5, Oil and Hazardous Substances Spills, of this regulation.