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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: HQ AFMC/CE  
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SUBJECT: Clarification of Policy on Reimbursement of Hazardous Material Spills Supplies, Equipment, and Disposal (HQ AFMC/CEV Memo, 17 Aug 99)

1. Since the recent issuance of the referenced policy memo on spills reimbursement, questions have been raised concerning application of the policy to base organizations as opposed to tenant units only. This memo serves to clarify the reimbursement policy: It applies to all on-base functions including depots and labs as well as tenants. The AFMC business strategy requires each organization to identify and budget for its own operating expenses. These expenses include the costs of acquiring adequate spill equipment and supplies, and any associated disposal costs related to responses to spills resulting from unit activities. They are to be considered part of an organization's operations, and the cost of equipment, material, waste disposal and any response or disposal contract must be directly funded or reimbursed by the organization causing the spill.
2. Activities that have a history of routine spills or releases are advised to budget for spill clean-up effective FY02. All organizational commanders should be advised of this policy and made aware of these funding responsibilities. We also recommend the Center Environmental Protection Committee or the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Committee include the topic as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.
3. This is a HQ AFMC/CE/DR/DO/FM/JA/LG/PK/SC/SG/SV/XP/AFRL coordinated memo. Our POC for this action is Mr. Chuck Calvert, HQ AFMC/CEVC, DSN 787-8986, e-mail [chuck.calvert@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:chuck.calvert@wpafb.af.mil).

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