



Recycling TARs and RAFs

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Oregon TAR



Washington TAR



Oregon RAF



Labels on RAF Carbon Filter Box

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Dear Resident,

The Umatilla Chemical Depot began destroying its chemical munitions in 2004 and has recently completed its mission. With the final destruction of the chemical munitions, the risk of a chemical accident at the Depot has been eliminated in Oregon and Washington.

As a result, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will soon come to a close and service for Tone Alert Radios will be discontinued. Tone Alert Radios (TARs) have been distributed to area residents since 2000. The TARs were part of a warning system that would have alerted residents in the event of chemical accident at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

CSEPP is asking residents to turn in their TARs, along with all its components (antenna, power cords and strobe lights) to a recycling bin located in your community. TARs should not be thrown out with household garbage, as they contain a lead acid battery. CSEPP has arranged for free recycling to keep TARs out of the local landfills.

Residents may choose to keep their TARs to receive severe weather alerts; however this will only be for a limited time. Those who choose to keep their TARs will assume all responsibility for maintenance and all liability associated with continued use of the radio. CSEPP will no longer maintain the radios, or provide any batteries or other support for the radios.

Residents who wish to continue to receive severe weather alerts may purchase a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio at local retail stores.

For residents with Recirculating Air Filters (RAFs):

CSEPP distributed RAFs and carbon filters to residents in the Irrigon area. Residents in other areas may also have received a RAF. RAFs and carbon filters were to be used in the event of a chemical accident at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

Residents may choose to keep the RAFs or bring them to a recycling location, but should recycle **the carbon filters that were delivered in a separate box, even if you choose to keep the Recirculating Air Filter.** The RAF can be used daily to filter air in your home; however carbon filters are useful only during a chemical emergency and can be harmful to the environment if not recycled properly.

Those who keep the RAFs will assume all responsibility for maintenance and all liability associated with continued use. Replacement HEPA filters are available through many online resources—just enter the following in your browser window and click: Honeywell Air Filter model #F113.

Recycling Locations:

OREGON

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:
Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston Safety Center,
McNary, Irrigon, Boardman

STANFIELD:
Stanfield Senior Center

HERMISTON:
Stafford Hansell Government Center

WASHINGTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT & POST OFFICE:
Plymouth

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Paterson

MORROW COUNTY RESIDENTS:

If you are a Morrow County resident and choose to keep your TAR, Morrow County is not responsible for the accuracy of the information received, any mechanical failures, or any injury caused by the ongoing use, operation, or storage of the TAR. Morrow County highly recommends that you return your TAR as set forth in this letter.