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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for removal and reclamation of used carpet, including EPA Affirmative Procurement requirements and Carpet America Recovery Efforts (CARE).

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically

place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS (ASSP)

ASSP A10.6 (2006) Safety & Health Program Requirements for Demolition Operations - American National Standard for Construction and Demolition Operations

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

EPA 340/1-90-018 (1990) Asbestos/NESHAP Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials Guidance

EPA AP-42 (1995) Compilation of Air Pollution Emission Factors

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

40 CFR 61-SUBPART M National Emission Standard for Asbestos

40 CFR 247 Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials

1.2 SUMMARY

NOTE: Recycled materials are listed in the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. Guidelines are stated for the recommended recycling of Building Materials, Paint, and other miscellaneous materials.

If the Architect/Engineer/Contracting Officer determines that the salvage value of certain materials meeting the CPG guidelines is insufficient in quantity to merit recycling, or if due to geographical considerations impractical to implement, a waiver may be initiated for the project. [Written justification may be submitted on a Request for Waiver Form to the [_____] Environmental Program Manager for approval.]

Furnish a contract for used carpet reclamation, including planned procedures for removal and reclamation of used carpet.

Refer to related Section 09 68 00 CARPETING for floor preparation prior to installation of new carpet.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list, and corresponding submittal items in the text, to reflect only the submittals required for the project. The Guide Specification technical editors have classified those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For Army projects, fill in the empty brackets following the "G" classification, with a code of up to three characters to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy and Air Force projects.

Use the "S" Classification only in SD-11 Closeout Submittals. The "S" classification indicates submittals required as proof of compliance for sustainability Guiding Principles Validation or Third Party Certification and as described in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for Contractor Quality Control approval. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

Dust-Control Measures; G, [_____]

Packing and Transportation Measures; G, [_____]

Schedule of Carpet Reclamation Activities; G, [_____]

Carpet Reclamation Agency Records; G, [_____]

1.4 QUALITY CONTROL

1.4.1 Carpet Reclamation Agency

Provide documentation of being a Carpet America Recovery Efforts (CARE) approved carpet removal contractor (or designated agent firm) providing used carpet recycling under the most current EPA recognized Carpet Reclamation Program, or equivalent from alternate recycling agent.

1.4.2 Carpet Remover Requirements

Submit details for the following:

dust-control measures

packing and transportation measures

1.4.3 Carpet Reclamation Agency Submittal

Submit a copy of [carpet reclamation agency records](#) verifying receipt and disposition of used carpet.

1.4.4 Regulatory Requirements

Comply with governing regulations; including, but not limited to:

- a. [EPA 340/1-90-018](#)
- b. [EPA AP-42](#)
- c. [40 CFR 61-SUBPART M](#)
- d. [ASSP A10.6](#)
- e. [40 CFR 247](#)

Comply with hauling and disposal regulations of authorities having jurisdiction. Record and maintain records of all off-site removal of debris and materials.

Provide the following information regarding the removed materials within the [schedule of carpet reclamation activities](#):

- a. Time and Date of Removal.
- b. Type of Material.
- c. Weight and Quantity of Materials.
- d. Final Destination of Materials.

1.4.4.1 Carpet Reclamation Agency and Carpet Remover Certification

Certify in writing that used carpet was removed and recycled in accordance with the current EPA recognized Carpet Reclamation Program. Do not place removed carpet and associated materials in a landfill.

1.5 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

1.5.1 Environmental Requirements

Obtain approval of Owner before performing operations which generate contaminants.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

2.1.1 Carpet Reclamation Agency

The current approved reclamation agency is Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE).

2.1.2 Carpet Removers

Submit documentation of being a CARE approved carpet removal contractor.

2.2 MATERIALS

2.2.1 Adhesive Removal Solvents

Comply with Carpet and Rug Institute Publication 104.

2.2.2 Used Carpet

Maintain possession of removed used carpet. Immediately remove from site and place in container or trailer.

Carefully remove, store, and protect designated materials and equipment for re-installation under other Sections or for retention by Owner.

2.2.3 Carpet Pad

Provide recycling of carpet padding where locally available or as designated by Carpet Reclamation Agency.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

3.1.1 Verification of Conditions

Examine areas and conditions under which work is to be performed. Identify conditions detrimental to proper or timely completion. Do not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

Provide, erect, and maintain barricades, lighting, and guardrails as required to protect general public, workers, and adjoining property.

Vacuum used carpet before removal.

3.3 APPLICATION

3.3.1 Carpet Removal

Remove used carpets in large pieces, roll tightly, and pack neatly in container. Include carpet scrap and waste from new installation.

Deposit only clean, dry carpet in containers. "Clean" is defined as free from demolition debris, asbestos contamination, garbage, and tack strips.

Remove adhesive according to recommendations of the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI).

3.3.2 Container Disposal

Place used carpet in fully-enclosed, front [end] loading 30 cubic m 40-yard container supplied by Carpet Reclamation Agency. Place only used commercial carpeting in collection container. Keep container locked or supervised.

Use effective packing techniques to maximize the amount of material in the container. On average, a container holds 1700-2500 square m 2,000-3,000 square yards. Neatly stack carpet tiles or repack in cardboard boxes before placing in container.

When container is full, contact Carpet Reclamation Agency to coordinate pickup and drop-off of replacement container. If container is locked for security purposes, remove lock before pickup.

3.3.3 Truck Trailer Disposal

Place used carpet in a 16 m 53 foot trailer supplied by Carpet Reclamation Agency. Place only used commercial carpeting in trailer. Keep trailer locked or supervised.

Use effective packing techniques to maximize the amount of material in the trailer. Comply with Department of Transportation regulations for weight limits. Typical maximum weight of used carpet on trailers is 20,000 kg 45,000 pounds.

Neatly stack carpet tiles or repack in cardboard boxes before placing in trailer. Do not stack higher than 2 m 6 feet. When trailer is full, contact Carpet Reclamation Agency to coordinate pickup and drop-off of replacement trailer. If trailer is locked for security purposes, remove lock before pickup.

3.3.4 Interior Operations

Seal doors and other openings with duct tape at heads, jambs, and sills to contain contaminants from work which occurs within a single room.

Use window exhaust systems to establish negative pressure in contaminant-producing work areas, ensuring continuous flow of air into work area.

Do not open windows in work area except when an exhaust fan is used. Close windows at end of each work shift. Seal exhaust system ductwork which might leak into building or mechanical systems.

Damp mop hard surface floors in work area daily to minimize tracking of contaminants from work area. In carpeted areas, protect carpet with plastic and plywood. Provide hard-surfaced area at entrances for daily damp mopping.

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