

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Biomedical Equipment Maintenance

P-Number Resource Guide

Did you receive your P-Number Resource Guide? Early last month AFMLO mailed out the 1999 P-Number Resource Guide and several have been returned because the address in the Bluebook was not correct. If you did not receive your P-Number Guide or if you need an extra copy (ies), please call TSgt Walker at DSN 343-4039, commercial 301-619-4039, via e-mail or Net Meeting® at stephen.walker@ft-detrick.af.mil and we will be more than happy to send you one. AFMLO POC for the P-Number program is TSgt Stephen Walker. (AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Stephen Walker, DSN 343-4039)

AFMLO Web Address

AFMLO has received several calls over the past month about the inability to connect to the AFMLO homepage. The URL 140.139.13.36/afmlo is no longer valid. Please use <http://www.medicine.army.mil/afmlo>. This should prevent any further connection problems and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. For questions relating to the AFMLO homepage, please contact Mr. Lynn Elspas at DSN 343-4130 or via e-mail at lynn.elpas@ft-detrick.af.mil. (AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Stephen Walker, DSN 343-4039)

Year 2000 Update

This is just a reminder that the tech notes field for **all** equipment must include a Year 2000 assessment statement (e.g. 1A Y2K, 5A Y2K). The field must also be updated when the status of the equipment changes and should include the cost of any upgrades. When we do a final review of all inventories we will be searching for these statements. Additionally, as the DOD IG makes random visits to Air Force medical treatment facilities (MTFs) one of the things they will be looking for is whether or not this field includes these statements.

We also recommend that you begin a review of all your Y2K susceptible equipment and ensure that the manufacturers have not changed their assessment of the equipment. If you have any questions please contact Dave Baker DSN 343-4039, or TSgt Stephen Walker DSN 343-4039. (AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Stephen Walker, DSN 343-4039)

Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM, Capt Paul Toth, DSN 343-7445)

Facilities Management

What's Happening at AFMLO/FOM-F

This article is designed to provide updates on current facilities management-related topics and issues.

Changes on the Facilities Plans and Operations Team

We welcome Captain Stephan Klimek to the team. Stephan joins us after completing a successful tour at Maxwell AFB as the clinical engineer and as a member of the Development Directorate. He will hold the position of Chief, Medical Facilities Staffing, Energy, and Hazards Management. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. Stephan enlisted in the Army and graduated with honors from the Defense Language Institute, Latin American Spanish program. While in the Army he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, 313th Military Intelligence Battalion. He left the Army in 1986 to attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. In 1989 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering. He was commissioned in the Air Force in 1989. His first Air Force assignment was to Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB. While stationed at Malcolm Grow he was the Director, Construction Plans and Programs. His next assignment, also at Andrews AFB was as the Chief, Medical Equipment Repair Center, Northeastern Region. From 1994 until 1996 Stephan was a Biomedical Engineering student at California State University, Sacramento. Stephan's in-depth experience and knowledge provides you with additional resources here at AFMLO. His e-mail address is Stephan.Klimek@ft-detrick.af.mil. His telephone number is DSN 343-2117.

In the last month we have had to bid a reluctant farewell to two members of the Facilities Team, Major Stull and Captain Zak. Major Stull has left

his position for a job in the private sector. He will, however, continue as an Reserve IMA to AFMLO. Captain Zak has PCSed to Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB. Bob is taking a position in Facilities Management. I want to wish them both the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

Updated FM Directory

We are currently updating the Air Force Facility Managers directory. Please send a message to richard.hart@ft-detrick.af.mil with your corrected e-mail address and/or any other changes you want reflected in the directory. See the symposium binder for the most current information we have pertaining to your office.

Carrier Voluntary Recall Program

Carrier Corporation in voluntary cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced a recall to replace electrical capacitors in packaged terminal air conditioners (PTACs) and heat pumps. The concern with these units is the capacitor under certain conditions may fail, rupture, and possibly ignite. The affected units were manufactured between January 1993 and March 1995. The units being affected by the recall have model numbers beginning with "52S" and "52E". Their serial numbers range from 0193E00000 to 1395E99999. The complete list of model numbers affected are as follows: 52EEA, 52EEB, 52EEC, 52EEZ, 52EQA, 52EQC, 52SCA, 52SCB, 52SCC, 52SEA, 52SEB, 52SEC, 52SED, 52SHA, 52SHB, 52SHC, 52SQA, 52SQB, and 52SQC.

The units of concern were manufactured with beige, plastic louvered front covers. You should determine if you have an affected unit. To check your Carrier equipment, disconnect the unit from its power source and remove the plastic front cover. A sticker to the right of the unit's filter will have the model and serial number. If you have a unit affected by this recall, contact Carrier's PTAC

customer support center at 1-800-894-6449. The support center is open from 0800 to 1800 (EDT), Monday through Friday. Correction of this problem is provided by an Independent Service Provider arranged by Carrier. The service Provider will remove and replace the affected capacitors. Carrier units with serial numbers outside of the range are not affected by this recall. Nor are Carrier window/room air conditioners and heat pumps or central air conditioners and heat pumps involved in this recall.

Fire Drills in Business Occupancies

The Joint Commission has issued a revised requirement for the number of fire drills required in freestanding buildings classified as business occupancy in accordance with the *Life Safety Code*®. As of 1 January 1999, one fire drill per shift will be required annually as opposed to the current quarterly requirement. Again, this change applies to business occupancies. This revised requirement does not relax the need to have the staff of your facility understand the fire plan and their role in a fire emergency. Continued training of the MTF's staff on the life safety management plan is still essential for your successful completion of a JCAHO survey. (AFMLO/FOM-F, Major Dick Hart, DSN 343-4081)

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