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**FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK**  
**Guidance and Instruction**  
**BARRACKS ROOM REFRIGERATORS PROHIBITION ON VENTING**

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1. **Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of these instructions is to provide information on the Prohibition of Venting and how it pertains to the care and repair of barracks rooms refrigerators.

2. **Reference:**

Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Title VI, Stratospheric Ozone Protection, Section 608

3. **Definition:**

Ozone Depleting Chemical - Halogenated hydrocarbons characterized by combinations of chlorine, fluorine, bromine, iodine (halogen atoms), hydrogen and carbon. ODCs display a propensity to destroy ozone molecules under certain environmental conditions.

4. **General:**

Section 608, Title VI, Stratospheric Ozone Protection, Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, prohibits individuals from knowingly venting ozone depleting chemicals used as refrigerants into the atmosphere. Incorrect defrosting procedures, such as puncturing of the refrigerator coil with sharp instrument to scrape off ice, will cause a release of refrigerant into the atmosphere.

5. **Responsibilities:**

a. The EQO is responsible for:

- 1) disseminating the information in this bulletin to all parties in his/her unit,
- 2) ensuring that barracks room refrigerators are properly defrosted in order to prevent refrigerant release into the atmosphere.

6. **Instructions:**

- a. Barracks room refrigerators are to be defrosted in a manner as to prevent an intentional release of refrigerant into the atmosphere.
- b. When turning in a refrigerator to the PWBC HVAC/Refrigeration Section for repair, a completed DA Form 2407, Maintenance Request, with a work order number from the Work Order Section, must accompany the refrigerator. In the event a refrigerator has a puncture hole(s), a Report of Survey or a statement of damage is also required.

7. **Additional Guidance:**

- a. For additional guidance, information and answers to your questions, contact PWBC Environmental Division, Compliance Branch, telephone (270) 798-9603.
- b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab Number 1* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.