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**PRECIOUS METALS RECOVERY
PROGRAM (PMRP)**

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This manual establishes local procedures for recovery of precious metals from scrap material which become expendable through use or excess. It implements AFRPD 23-1, *Requirements and Stockage of Material*. The provisions of this manual, in conjunction with the provisions of AFMAN 23-110, Volume 6, Chapter 4, are applicable to all base activities that generate, store, or dispose of precious metals bearing scrap or residue.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This is a revising of 911 AW MAN 23-101, 1 Jun 95. It updates and streamlines previous guidance.

1. Terminology:

1.1. The term "Precious Metals Recovery Program (PMRP)" as used herein, pertains to precious metals extracted from items containing precious metals and precious metal bearing scrap, sledge, solution, powders, flack, black and white photographs, or other mixtures/forms. The metals covered in the PMRP include gold, silver, platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, osmium, and ruthenium.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. If an item contains any precious metal, it is the responsibility of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to determine if it is economically feasible to recover the precious metals. The using activity is responsible for alerting the DRMO of the presence of precious metals by properly preparing the shipment to the DRMO. To assist in determining if an item contains precious metals, precious metal indicator codes are assigned to national stock numbers and indicate the presence of precious metals on issue documents.

2.2. The Management and Systems Officer of Base Supply is appointed as the PMRP manager for the 911th Airlift Wing.

2.2.1. The PMRP manager will:

2.2.1.1. Be the focal point for all matters concerning the PMRP.

2.2.1.2. Be responsible for the overall management of the program for the installation.

2.2.1.3. Prepare a schedule for and visit each participating unit once every two years to insure compliance with the program. Document any discrepancies noted and advise units of corrective actions required. Copies of the visit will be sent to the Commander within ten days after the visit. Negative reports are required. Reports will remain on file for two years and will be disposed of as directed by AFMAN 37-139.

2.2.1.4. Provide adequate training. Training will be provided upon appointment and follow-on training as needed not to exceed two years. All training will be documented. Base Supply Block I training will briefly discuss the program insuring all personnel are aware that the program exists.

2.2.1.5. Insure each generating and using activity appoints individuals in writing to receipt for and issue refined precious metals or items having a high content of precious metals (national stock numbers assigned Controlled Item Code of "R")

2.3. Organization Responsibilities:

2.3.1. Commanders of organizations generating precious metal bearing scrap or residue will appoint in writing a primary and alternate precious metals recovery monitor. A form letter is available in base supply.

2.3.1.1. Organizational precious metals recovery monitors will:

2.3.1.1.1. Maintain and adequately protect spent/excess material containing precious metals until turned into Transportation for shipment to the DRMO. ([Attachment 1](#) is a sample of an offline shipment to the DRMO)

2.3.1.1.2. Include the PMRP in the self inspection program.

2.3.1.1.3. Maintain a current copy of AFMAN 23-110, Volume 6.

2.3.1.1.4. Maintain proper record keeping for use of fine precious metals and turn in of fine precious metals, precious metal bearing scrap and end items.

3. Civil Engineering Stock/Bench Stock:

3.1. A blue dot located on civil engineering stock and bench stock labels will indicate the presence of precious metals. Disposal of used or excess will be in accordance with the PMRP.

4. Exception:

4.1. Base supply will be accountable for all obsolete microfiche. Organizations will turn in obsolete microfiche to supply. A box is located in the Warehouse Receiving area and clearly identified. No paperwork is necessary.

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