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DISPOSAL OF RESTRICTED LOCKS

Since I teach GSA Certification courses, I receive a lot of questions and requests for clarification on a wide range of subjects in the GSA container and vault door realm. This tends to keep me busy with trying to keep up with not only the rules, regulations, specifications, and standards I cover in the courses I teach, but also the little bits of guidance that can sometimes be hard to find.

I recently received a call from one of my GSA Approved Inspectors. His question was regarding disposal of locks that have "Limited Use" paragraphs in their Federal Specifications. This would be any lock approved for use under FF-L-2740B, FF-L-2890B, or FF-L-2890C. I told

him that I knew of no official guidance for this, but it would be a good idea to at least destroy the electronics card in the locks.

He called me back shortly after we spoke to let me know that he had found some guidance for disposal of limited use locks on the DoD Lock Program's website and directed me to it. It's a good day when I learn something new. Thanks Rick.

The DoD Lock Program can assist in the disposition (disposal) of restricted locks. Don't just box them up and send them in. See the link below to their Combination Lock Support page.

Regards,

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