

FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and instruction
AMMUNITION/EXPLOSIVES IN REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM
(TAB 16)

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1. **Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to define the actions established to eliminate or control the disposal of ammunition/explosives to the refuse collection system.

2. **Reference:**

- a. Keane, John M., Major General, "Ammunition/Explosives in Off-Post Landfill", 15 July 94
- b. 40 CFR 261.3, Definition of Hazardous Waste,
- c. Tennessee Rule 1200-1-11-.02(1)(c), definition of HazWaste.

3. **Definitions:** None

4. **General:**

- a. In March 1994, Fort Campbell stopped using the on-post landfill for trash disposal and now uses the Bi-County Landfill in Clarksville. In the past, explosions at the landfill have been linked to Fort Campbell trash.
- b. Battery acid was detected among the Fort Campbell trash on several occasions.
- c. Numerous rounds of live and blank ammunition have been found in the trash at the landfill.
- d. These incidents subjected Fort Campbell to serious potential consequences.
- e. So far, no one has been seriously injured. However, should an injury occur, Fort Campbell would be financially liable.
- f. These items are considered hazardous waste under environmental regulations. Continued improper disposal in the landfill could result in state and federal fines.
- g. Individuals found responsible for placing the unauthorized items in the trash may be subject to criminal prosecution.

5. **Responsibilities:**

- a. G-1 shall: In coordination with PWBC, Environmental Division, ensure that all units brief new arrivals on all aspects of waste disposal, with a special emphasis on this issue.
- b. G-3 shall:
 - 1) Ensure that all units conducting training on Fort Campbell include waste disposal instructions, and the consequences for violations, during briefings before and after training exercises.

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2) Issue guidance for improved ammunition management by users to minimize turn-in of unfired ammunition.

c. PMO shall:

1) In coordination with SJA, place continued emphasis on use of amnesty programs to avoid placement of ammunition and other explosives in trash receptacles.

2) Ensure reserve component physical security briefings on field Ammunition Supply Points (ASPs) include waste disposal instructions and information on the consequences for violations.

d. DOL shall:

1) Task Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) personnel to increase unit tracking in proper methods of ammunition accountability and handling procedures.

2) Task ISSD to initiate a Process Action Team to review ammunition turn-in procedures in an effort to make the process as convenient as possible.

e. PWBC shall remove dumpsters from the training areas and establish controlled "convenience centers" for disposal of all training area trash.

f. Each individual who uses ammunition/explosives in field exercises shall ensure that all unfired ammunition or explosives in his/her care are properly returned to the ASP, and not put in the trash.

6. Instructions:

All unfired ammunition or explosives are to be returned to ASP.

7. Additional Guidance:

a. For additional guidance and information, and answers to your questions, contact Solid Waste & Recycling Program Manager, PWBC Environmental Division, 798-9782.

b. For future reference, place this document behind Tab number 16 in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.