
FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and Instruction
CENTRAL VEHICLE WASH RACKS (North and South)

1. Purpose and Scope:

To provide guidance on the application and usage of the two main vehicle washracks at north and south locations. This document is applicable to all units, activities, and agencies utilizing the CVWFs.

2. Reference:

- a. Water pollution Control Act (WPCA) Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500).
- b. Clean Water Act (CWA) 1977.

3. Definitions: None**4. General:**

The central vehicle wash facilities (CVWFs) are high volume, high pressure vehicle wash facilities intended for the primary washing of vehicles. Primary washing is considered the major cleanup of vehicles returning from the field and prior to the unit area to keep major amounts of mud and grit out of storm and sanitary sewer systems. Soaps, detergents, and cleaners destroy the concept upon which the CVWF's operate and are prohibited from being used at these facilities. Final cleaning of vehicles, equipment, and cleaning of engines should be done at approved motor pool wash facilities. The South CVWF is located near the intersection of Mabry and Stillwell Road. The North CVWF is located near the intersection of Range Road and 47th Street.

- a. The South CVWF will have normal operating hours from 0900 to 1700 hours, Mondays through Fridays.
- b. The North CVWF will have normal operating hours from 0900 to 1700 hours, Mondays through Fridays, and 0800 to 1600 hours on Saturday. The North CVWF can be available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week by submitting a FC Form 253 for after normal operating hours, DONSA's, holidays, and long weekends.
- c. The CVWF will be closed during the following condition during weather periods:
 - 1) When temperatures drop rapidly below 35 degrees.
 - 2) When water freezes on the concrete.
 - 3) These facilities will remain closed until temperatures rise to 35 degrees for as much as 6 hours. This allows all pipes to thaw.
- d. NEVER DRINK THE WATER ON THE FACILITY! The water is recycled, and is not suitable for human consumption.
- e. NO AMMUNITION, e.g., (blanks, live rounds, white phosphorous or chemical compounds) will be brought into the facility.
- f. Engines/engine compartments can be washed at unit risk and under supervision of the unit.
- g. NO VEHICLES will move on the facility unless authorized by a unit safety NCO.
- h. All MILES equipment will be removed from vehicles prior to the unit's arrival at the CVWF.

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5. Responsibilities:

The unit EQO is responsible for ensuring the following occurs:

- a. Primary washing of vehicles and equipment that are lightly to heavily soiled with mud will be at the CVWFs. 95% of the mud and grit can be removed at the CVWFs. Soaps, cleaners, and detergents are prohibited. Vehicles heavily contaminated with oil/petroleum must be wiped clean of contaminants as much as possible prior to the primary washing at the CVWF's. In addition, vehicles leaking oil/petroleum products should be repaired and wiped clean of oil/petroleum prior to the primary washing. Washing of heavily oil/petroleum contaminated vehicles or vehicles leaking oil/petroleum products are prohibited unless the above procedures are followed.
- b. Final washing of vehicles and equipment are allowed at approved motor pool wash facilities after primary washing at the CVWFs. The remaining 5% of the mud and grit as well as the use of soaps if used sparingly is considered acceptable at these facilities. (See authorized list of approved wash facilities and specific allowable activities in Guidance and Instructions for Vehicle and Aircraft Wash Facilities and Oil/Water Separators.

6.. Instructions: None

7. Additional Guidance:

- a. For more detailed information, and answers to your questions, the CVWF's O&M manuals and additional guidance are available on request, PWBC Environmental Division, 798-9641 / 9639
- b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab Number 20* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.