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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Policy Memorandum PW-6,  
Vehicle Engine Idling Prohibition

1. REFERENCES.

a. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ), 9 VAC 5 Chapter 40 Article 41, 9 VAC 5-40-5670, effective 17 Mar 72 and amended 1 Aug 91.

b. District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Title 20, Chapter 9, Section 900, 20 Aug 10.

c. Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Code of Virginia Title 46.2 Chapter 12, 46.2-1224.1, 1996.

d. District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles, DCMR, Title 18, Chapter 24, 2418.3, 20 Aug 10.

e. Fort Lesley J. McNair Title V Operating Permit (No. 001-R2).

f. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 07.

2. PURPOSE. This memorandum aims to increase environmental awareness and sets forth the JBM-HH policy to comply with the Commonwealth of Virginia and District of Columbia requirements to minimize unnecessary engine idling and to ensure that the provisions pertaining to engine idling are met as part of compliance with the Fort Lesley J. McNair Title V Operating Permit.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy is applicable to all gasoline and diesel-powered government-owned/leased motor vehicles (GOVs), and private commercial motor vehicles operating on JBM-HH.

4. POLICY & PROCEDURES. All personnel operating an applicable vehicle on JBM-HH must adhere to the procedures as outlined below:

a. GOVs and private commercial vehicles must not idle for more than three minutes while the vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing unless specifically exempted below.

b. On Fort Myer and Henderson Hall, the idling prohibition will apply to all GOV and private commercial vehicles, except as follows:

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(1) If the engine is providing auxiliary power for other than heating or air conditioning, such as emergency vehicles requiring engine power for the operation of auxiliary equipment (such as medical instruments, computers, radios, radars, lights/sirens, and communications equipment), or construction vehicles that operate power takeoff equipment (such as cement mixers, winches).

(2) Military tactical vehicles are not subject to any idling restrictions.

(3) Buses may idle for up to 10 minutes during hot weather to maintain power to the air conditioning system.

(4) Diesel-powered vehicles may idle for up to 10 minutes to minimize restart problems (this includes buses operating in cold weather to maintain power to the heater system).

c. On Fort Lesley J. McNair, the idling prohibition will apply to all GOV and private commercial vehicles, except as follows:

(1) Motor vehicles necessary to operate power takeoff equipment such as, but not limited to dumpers, cement mixer, winches, or shredders.

(2) Emergency and military tactical vehicles requiring engine power for the operation of auxiliary equipment (such as medical instruments, computers, radios, radars, lights/sirens, and communications equipment).

(3) Heating equipment may idle for no more than five minutes when the local temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

(4) Buses with a capacity of fewer than 12 persons.

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5. PROPONENT. The JBM-HH Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division is the proponent for this policy. The POC is the Environmental Management Chief at (703) 696-8055.

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