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VEHICLE IDLING POLICY



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1.1. Responsibilities: The vehicle operator has the primary responsibility to reduce fuel consumption and engine wear of Royal Air Force Mildenhall assigned vehicles while simultaneously promoting environmental protection, in response to prescribed initiatives of Executive Order 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*, 5 October 2009. This policy requires operators of government owned, rented, or

leased vehicles to adhere to engine idle restrictions while operating vehicles within or outside the confines of RAF Mildenhall IAW AFI 24-302, *Vehicle Management*, paragraph 11.9.

2.1. Procedures: Unnecessary engine idling is the single greatest contributing factor to fuel waste by vehicle fleets and is the primary cause of premature engine wear/failure. Furthermore, vehicle exhaust gases from idling vehicles contribute greatly to air pollution.

2.1.1. When not in traffic, operators of fleet vehicles assigned to RAF Mildenhall will turn off vehicle engines if vehicles will be stationary for more than five (5) minutes, unless a waiver or an exemption has been granted.

2.1.2. This policy does not apply when:

2.1.2.1. Idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition (operator inspection) and/or to bring vehicle to operating temperature or build air pressure for air operated vehicle systems.

2.1.2.2. Vehicles undergoing maintenance that are difficult to restart, or require cool-down procedures prior to shut-off.

2.1.2.3. Ambient temperatures are below 40 degrees or above 95 degrees Fahrenheit, and when operators are in the vehicle and not reasonably able to wait in a climate-controlled facility (e.g., flightline personnel awaiting their next call to service an inbound aircraft). Idling is allowed during cold weather to aid in the initial clearing of ice and/or snow from the vehicle.

2.1.3. Idling is necessary for operation of emergency vehicles and equipment engaged in operational activities, responding to emergency situations, or performing any activity directly related to a public safety function.

2.1.4. Vehicles are required to idle in order to operate auxiliary equipment or are equipped with temperature sensitive equipment that must be kept at an appropriate temperature (e.g., SFS K-9 vehicles).

2.1.5. Idling while waiting in line or queuing (e.g., dump trucks waiting to receive loads from another vehicle). Note: Vehicles queuing should not idle while waiting for the transferring vehicle to retrieve the load.

3.1. Exemptions: Using organizations with unique vehicle operating requirements must submit, in writing, a list of vehicle(s) requiring exemption from idling policy, along with a full justification. All requests for exemption shall be routed through Vehicle Management for determination. Please contact Vehicle Management at 238-4276 with any questions.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

Executive Order 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance*, 5 October 2009

AFPD 90-17, Energy Management, 29 Nov 2011

AFI 24-301, Vehicle Operations, 1 Nov 2008

AFI 24-302, Vehicle Management, 26 Jun 2012

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, 22 September 2009.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

AFI—Air Force Instruction

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