



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

280TH BASE SUPPORT BATTALION

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REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #3-2, Car Wash Policy

1. References:

- a. AR 200-1, 21 February 1997, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- b. UR 200-1, 9 December 1993, USAREUR Environmental Quality Program.
- c. Federal Law on the Avoidance and Elimination of Wastes, 01 May 2002.
- d. Federal Regulations Covering the Protection of Drinking Water Supply (Trinkwasserschutzverordnung) 5 December 1990.
- e. Federal Water Act, 19 August 2002.

2. Purpose: To provide a policy for privately owned vehicle (POV) car washing within the 280th Base Support Battalion (BSB).

3. Scope: This policy applies to all POVs located within the 280th BSB geographical area.

4. Policy:

a. German law regulates vehicle washing within the 280th BSB. We will comply with these laws and help local efforts to protect the environment. German police enforce this law and ticket violators.

b. Unless properly performed in an appropriate location, washing of POVs pollutes the environment by releasing car grease and oil combined with detergents into the public sewer system. Procedures for proper car washing, in compliance with German law, are as follows:

(1) Do not wash or rinse POVs with water on public areas, it is strictly prohibited. Public areas include city, state, or federal owned roads, parking areas, or grounds (e.g. parks).

(2) Personnel may wash POVs on private areas, if limited to car body washing with plain water on a paved area connected to the

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sewer system. Private areas include housing area parking lots, installations, and driveways (if you reside on the economy). Do not use detergents/soaps. Do not wash the undercarriage or the engine.

(3) Personnel may wash POVs at selected U.S. installation washracks connected to a petroleum-oil-lubricant (POL) separator. Use only special, PH neutral soaps and cleaners (e.g. dishwashing liquid, store-bought car wash cleaners) for POV washing at these locations. Specifically prohibited for use are chlorinated and petroleum-based solvents such as gasoline, trichloroethylene, methanol, etc. Wash the undercarriage and engine only when preparing the vehicle for stateside shipment. Military vehicles have priority use when washing at installation washracks. Do not use any soaps for military vehicle washing. Authorized installation POV washracks are:

- * Ledward Barracks, near Bldg #243.
- * Conn Barracks, recycling washrack, Bldg #1181.
- * Conn Barracks, Auto Skill Center, Bldg #49.

(4) Public car washes sponsored by community groups must also use the above approved washrack facilities. The 280th BSB Commander is the approval authority.

(5) Do not conduct vehicle maintenance (e.g. oil change, brake job, etc.) at any of these locations. Use the Auto Skills Center located at Conn Barracks, Bldg #49 for all maintenance.

(6) Carwash facilities are also available on the economy. These facilities also comply with German law.

c. Building Coordinators are responsible for enforcing this policy within housing areas.

5. The point of contact for this policy is the 280th BSB Environmental Division at DSN 354-6795.

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