

4.10 Vehicle and Equipment Management

Material and Waste Control

Description: Vehicle and equipment management addresses the practices associated with proper use and maintenance of vehicles and equipment at construction sites. The objective is to minimize the discharge of pollutants from vehicle and equipment operation, fueling, maintenance, and washing.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEY CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>DESIGN CRITERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit the discharge of maintenance fluids and wash water with soap • If feasible, prohibit onsite vehicle washing • If feasible, prohibit onsite maintenance except fueling • Provide secondary containment that's 110 percent of the largest container in the containment • Use spill/overflow devices for fueling • Never leave a fueling operation unattended • Label all waste containers • Train workers in proper procedures <p>LIMITATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of maintenance, repairs, and spill prevention equipment • One part of a comprehensive construction site waste management program • Does not address spill and leak response procedures <p>MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect regularly • Check for signs of leaks and spills and take corrective actions • Place drip pans under leaking vehicles and equipment when parked • Verify procedures are being followed • Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Perimeter Control</p> <p>Slope Protection</p> <p>Sediment Barrier</p> <p>Channel Protection</p> <p>Temporary Stabilization</p> <p>Final Stabilization</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 2px 0;"> <p>Waste Management</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 2px 0;"> <p>Housekeeping Practices</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TARGETED POLLUTANTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Sediment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Nutrients & Toxic Materials <input checked="" type="radio"/> Oil & Grease <input type="radio"/> Floatable Materials <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other Construction Wastes 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Capital Costs <input type="radio"/> Maintenance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Training <input type="radio"/> Suitability for Slopes > 5% <p>Other Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>

4.10.1 Primary Use

Vehicle and equipment management is used to minimize the pollutants that enter stormwater from fueling and maintenance activities.

4.10.2 Applications

Vehicle and equipment management is applicable on every construction site. The management controls are most effective when used in conjunction with controls in [Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures](#).

The management techniques are based on proper recognition and handling of pollutant sources related to vehicles and equipment. Key elements are education, established procedures, and provisions for safe storage and disposal of wastes. The following list (not all inclusive) gives examples of the targeted materials:

- Fuels
- Lube Oils
- Antifreeze
- Solvents
- Wash water

4.10.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall state that the discharge of fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance is prohibited.
- Construction plan notes shall state that the discharge of soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing is prohibited.
- On the construction plans, show the location of fuel tanks, motor vehicle fluids storage, and waste storage, including secondary containment, or require the contractor to provide this information.
- Provide secondary containment for fuel, new and waste oil, and other maintenance fluids that are stored onsite. Secondary containment shall have a minimum volume of 110 percent of the largest container within the containment.
- Criteria for the response to spills of motor vehicle fluids are in [Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures](#).
- The contractor should be required to designate a site superintendent, foreman, safety officer, or other senior person, who is on the site daily, to be responsible for implementing vehicle and equipment management.

Vehicle Washing

- Minimize the potential for the discharge of pollutants from equipment and vehicle washing by prohibiting these activities onsite, if practical. Vehicles and equipment should be transported to a commercial vehicle wash facility with appropriate discharge controls.
- Designate a wash area if vehicle and equipment washing must be done onsite. Require all washing to be done at this location. The area shall be graded so that all wash water flows to a sediment basin or other sediment control that provides equivalent or better treatment.
- Do not use soap for vehicle and equipment washing. Sediment controls will not remove soap from the wash water.

- Vehicle and equipment wash water may contain oils, greases, and heavy metals. Treatment to remove these pollutants is needed in addition to sediment trapping. Any wash water that has sheen on it must be considered polluted and cannot be discharged from the site without appropriate treatment. State or local discharge permits may be required.

Maintenance

- If possible, prohibit onsite maintenance except for fueling. Otherwise, limit onsite maintenance to routine preventive maintenance.
- Maintenance fluids should be stored in appropriate containers (closed drums or similar) and under cover.
- The ground under vehicles and equipment parked onsite should be inspected for drips and leaks before each use. Drip pans should be placed under parked vehicles and equipment that leak or drip.
- Vehicles and equipment that leak or drip should be removed from the site for repair as soon as possible.
- Vehicles and equipment that become inoperative should be removed from the site for repairs.

Fueling

- Check the municipality's requirements for fuel tanks. Some municipalities have specific requirements for the type of tank and secondary containment. At a minimum, local fire codes apply.
- Fuel should be dispensed using a drip pan or other spill/overflow device or within containment berms or other secondary containment.
- If the containment control is an earthen pit or berm, the containment shall be lined with plastic.
- If an automatic pump is used for fueling, it should be equipped with an overfill protection device.
- Workers performing fueling operations shall be trained in the correct procedures for fueling and spill response.
- Workers performing fueling operations shall be present and observe the fueling at all times. Fueling shall not be left unattended.
- A spill containment kit shall be maintained within 25 feet of the fueling area.

Waste Handling and Disposal

- Ensure that adequate waste storage volume is available.
- All waste containers shall be clearly labeled.
- Handling and disposal of waste from vehicle and equipment maintenance should be according to the criteria in [Section 4.1 Chemical Management](#).

Education

- Instruct workers on procedures for washing, maintaining, and fueling vehicles and equipment.
- Instruct workers in identification of pollutants associated with vehicles and equipment.
- Have regular meetings to discuss and reinforce procedures (incorporate into regular safety briefings).
- Establish a continuing education program to train new employees.

4.10.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for vehicle and equipment management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.10.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Vehicle and equipment management controls should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). Verify that washing, fueling, storage, and disposal procedures are being followed. Correct workers where needed.

Fueling and maintenance fluid storage areas should be checked for signs of leakage or spills. If evidence is found, corrective actions should be implemented. Reinforce proper procedures through re-education of employees. Inspect areas where vehicles and equipment are parked for signs of leaks. Use drip pans where needed.