

M917A1 Dump Truck...

*C'MON,  
LET'S CALL  
IT A DAY!*

*DON'T THEY  
REALIZE...  
THEY CAN'T  
LEAVE!?  
THEY'RE  
SOB&...*

*...NOT  
DONE  
YET!*

Operators, there's one more "pull to go" on the dump truck's air system before you call it a day.

That is, drain the air tank for the truck's tailgate and material control system (MCS). It's seldom drained because it's in the back of the vehicle under the tailgate's cover. But when the temperature drops, condensation gets into the air lines and solenoid-controlled air cylinders.

That condensation during operation causes the tailgate to become sluggish or lock up. Dumping operations come to a halt because the tailgate won't open or close.

So pull the air tank pull-cable to let any water out. Release the pull-cable when all the water and air have drained. This procedure is Step 16 of the operator's PMCS in TM 5-3805-264-14&P.

