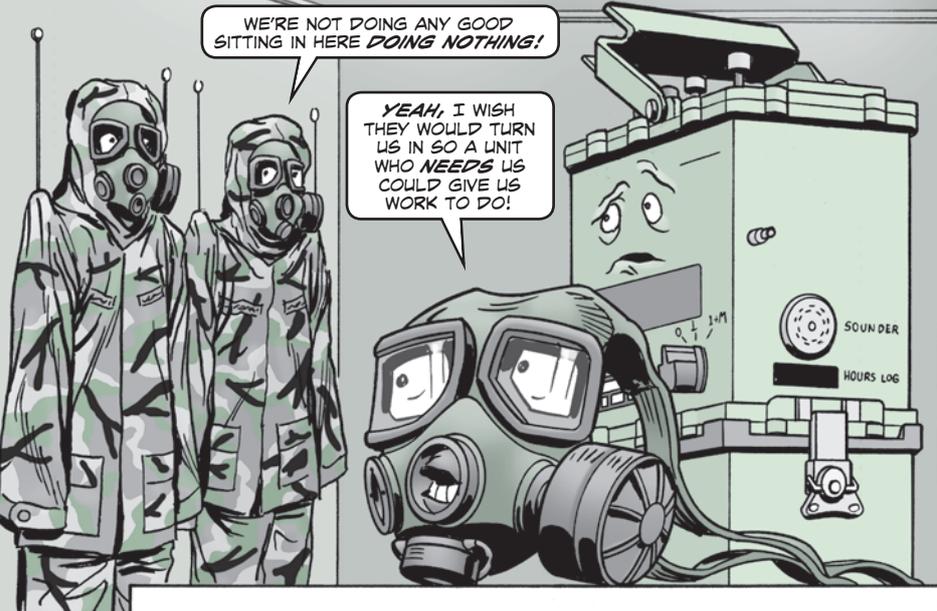


DON'T LET EXCESS ITEMS SIT

WE'RE NOT DOING ANY GOOD SITTING IN HERE *DOING NOTHING!*

YEAH, I WISH THEY WOULD TURN US IN SO A UNIT WHO NEEDS US COULD GIVE US WORK TO DO!



Dear Editor,

Through our work with the Ft Hood Command Maintenance Evaluation and Training Team (COMET), we run into many cases where excess or unserviceable CBRN items are left stored for months and even years.

That does no good for other units that might be able to use the excess equipment.

This is a particular problem with JSLIST (joint service lightweight integrated suit technology). When units prepare to deploy, they order new JSLIST. If the new suits don't come before they deploy, all the JSLIST goes into storage. Sometimes this can mean thousands of suits sitting in a warehouse serving no purpose. Meanwhile, the deployed units pick up the JSLIST they need overseas.

This waste can be avoided if units order JSLIST at least 45 days before they deploy. That provides enough time for the new JSLIST to arrive before units leave.

If units have excess CBRN equipment, they should contact the equipment's item manager for turn-in procedures. Your local TACOM logistics assistance representative can provide the item manager's contact info or you can look up the item manager by the item's NIIN:

https://aeeps2.ria.army.mil/services/supply/dsc_reqs/analcode/acsearch.html

For unserviceable or obsolete CBRN items, contact the Defense, Accountability, Reutilization, and Disposal (DARD) project. They handle all CBRN items that aren't classified as HAZMAT. HAZMAT items include M256/M256A1 detector kits, water testing kits, M11 decons, all types of batteries, simulator chemical agent detector tickets and mask canisters. These items must be disposed of through your installation environmental office.

To get DARD disposition instructions, email: smblogcomjeap@usmc.mil
Don't let CBRN equipment sit! Turn it in if you're not going to use it.

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Editor's note: Thanks for the excellent info, Vernon and Shirley. Now CBRN specialists know what to do with equipment they aren't using.

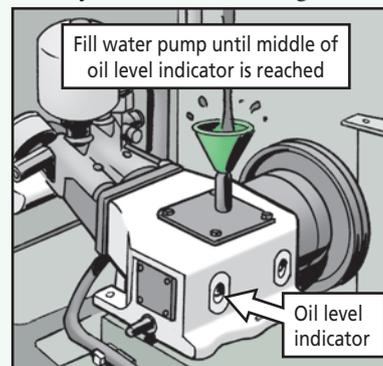
WHAT OILS TO USE IN M26 DECON

TM 3-4230-238-23&P for the new M26 Decon system lists a German product for the water pump oil. That doesn't do you repairmen much good.

Until the updated TM hits the streets later this spring or summer, you should use SAE40 oil for the water pump.

PMCS calls for the pump oil to be changed annually. However, if the system hasn't been operated much and the oil appears to be clean (i.e., almond blond color—almost clear), your main-tenance SOP may dictate when to change it.

The engine itself uses 15W40 oil. Before changing the engine's oil, run the engine until you feel heat coming off the engine block. Add engine oil to the upper marking on the dipstick. It should take about 1 quart. Check out the procedure in Fig 1 of WP 0051 in the -23&P.



Fill water pump until middle of oil level indicator is reached

Oil level indicator



Fill engine until upper marking on dipstick shows oil

If you drain the water pump, use SAE40 oil to refill it until the oil is visible in the middle of the oil level sight glass. It should take about 2.1 quarts.