

# EMPTY HYDRAULIC OVERFLOW CONTAINER

*UH-OH! I THINK MY HYDRAULIC OVERFLOW CONTAINER JUST RUPTURED IN THIS FREEZING WEATHER!*

*I WISH SOMEONE HAD EMPTIED IT!*

Dear Editor,

Here at the Ft Drum DOL, we have had three out of four of the installation's chemical biological protective shelters (CBPS) turned in because of damage to the hydraulic overflow container.

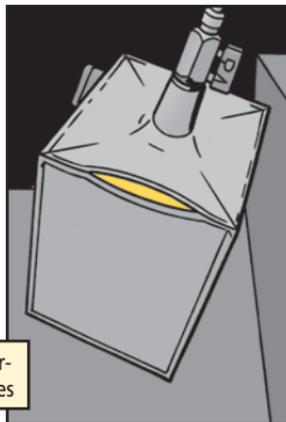
This damage could be avoided if operators regularly checked the overflow container, which is mounted behind the driver's seat under the shelter.

Operators need to check the container weekly for cracks and missing or damaged fasteners and empty it.

It is the failure to empty the container that is causing the damage. In Ft Drum's extreme cold, water is freezing in the container and rupturing it. The whole container has to be replaced. Plus, once the container starts leaking, fluids drip to the ground, causing an environmental concern.

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Failure to empty hydraulic overflow container leads to ruptures



*Editor's note: Excellent suggestion, Charles, especially for CBPS units where winters are harsh. Don't forget to check the hydraulic overflow container, operators, during your weekly PMCS.*