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1. **Purpose.** This circular establishes policy guidance on colors and markings for vehicles used in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Assistance Program and clarifies policy on vehicle spotlights, emergency warning lights/sirens, and the use of vehicles in emergency situations at civil works water resource projects.

2. **Applicability.** This circular applies to all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) commands having responsibility for civil works functions.

3. **Distribution Statement.** Approved for public release, distribution unlimited.

4. **References.**

a. ER 1130-2-550, Chapter 6, Visitor Assistance Program.

b. EP 31 O-1-6, Graphic Standards Manual

c. EP 1130-2-550, Chapter 6, Visitor Assistance Program.

d. Memorandum of Understanding between the Interagency Fleet Management System, General Services Administration, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 23 January 1997.

5. **Policy.**

a. Vehicle Color.

(1) New vehicles obtained for use by park rangers, managers, and other personnel who are authorized to perform visitor assistance responsibilities will be the vehicle manufacturer's standard white color. This applies to vehicles obtained through the General Services Administration (GSA) and from other sources (i.e., project-owned).

This circular supersedes CECW-ON memo dated 15 Dec 97, subject: Recreation Policy Letter 98-01 -- Visitor Assistance Vehicles.

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(2) Vehicles obtained through GSA are subject to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Interagency Fleet Management System (IFMS), GSA, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, dated 23 January 1997. Paragraph 5.a. of subject MOU states in part:

“The IFMS will provide a mix of manufacturer’s colors, however, for vehicles used by USACE Park Ranger/Managers for Visitor Assistance responsibilities, the manufacturer’s standard white will be provided if available for each specific make and model required.”

(3) During the acquisition process with GSA, managers/district office officials must identify the specific visitor assistance vehicles that require the color white.

(4) New visitor assistance vehicles obtained from any source that are delivered to the project in the wrong color will be painted white by the project receiving the vehicle. Exceptions to this painting requirement will be granted for vehicles that will be used within the district for less than one year.

(5) Visitor Assistance vehicles obtained prior to the GSA MOU (either from GSA or from other sources) will be painted white if the amount of usable vehicle life exceeds one year.

b . Vehicle Markings. .

(1) The Corps Communication Mark and Signature decal will be applied to all visitor assistance vehicles as specified in reference 4.b. Placement will be centered on the front left and right doors with exact placement contingent upon location of door handles, mirrors, and door guard/bumper strips. Specifications: small logo version (3 1/2-inch black castle on white reflective backing, **7/8-inch** Helvetica Medium type face, upper and lower case, black letters for “US Army Corps of Engineers”; **5/8-inch** Helvetica Medium type, upper and lower case black letters for “For Official Use Only”; and optional district name (located between “US Army Corps of Engineers” and “For Official Use Only”) with **5/8-inch** Helvetica Medium type, upper and lower case black letters (see Appendix A). While white reflective backing is preferred due to its safety properties, reflective black lettering, or plain black lettering on a clear background, is acceptable, provided all vehicles at a project utilize the same style markings.

(2) A “PARK RANGER” decal will be centered above the Corps Communication Mark and Signature on the left and right front doors. Specifications: 2 1/2-inch to **3-inch** Helvetica Medium type, all capital, black letters on white reflective backing. The word “RANGER” may be substituted for “PARK RANGER” on vehicles with limited space. As an option, white magnetic strips without a legend may be used to cover the “PARK RANGER” decal when the vehicle is

not being used for visitor assistance responsibilities. The strips shall be constructed of a soft, thin, pliable material that incorporates the magnetic property.

(3) Magnetic signs may be substituted for "PARK RANGER" decals only in those instances where the visitor assistance vehicle will be used for multiple functions (i.e., maintenance, wildlife management, etc.). Magnetic signs may also be substituted for the Corps Communication Mark and Signature and "PARK RANGER" wording in cases where the vehicle will be used for less than one year.

c. Vehicle Spotlights. Resource manager and park ranger vehicles and vessels used to perform visitor assistance will be equipped with a spotlight. A **fixed** spotlight is recommended for vehicles, and should be mounted on the driver's side front door or door column. Handheld or magnetic mount spotlights may be used as an alternative in those situations where it is impossible or impractical to mount the light permanently.

d. Emergency Warning Lights and Sirens.

(1) Vehicles may be equipped with emergency warning lights of a color compliant with applicable **state law**. Exterior emergency lights are not permissible, except for magnetically mounted ones temporarily placed on a vehicle during emergency use only and placed inside the vehicle at all other times. Emergency lights mounted behind the grill or in the interior portion of the vehicle, which are inconspicuous to the public when not in use, are authorized.

(2) As a means of further enhancing safety, factory installed headlights/taillights may be converted to a system that allows activation of a flashing/oscillating mode, supplemental to standard emergency lighting.

(3) Emergency lights, warning lights and sirens will be utilized in accordance with applicable state and local laws governing their use, consistent with references 4.a. and 4.c. The purpose of emergency warning lights and sirens is to facilitate visitor assistance and increase safety, rather than the enforcement of state and local laws, and they will not be used for pursuing or chasing violators of Title 36 on or off Corps projects.

(4) District offices will conduct a periodic review of emergency lights and sirens to assure the type, installation, and use is consistent with this circular and other Corps regulations.

6. Points of contact for this matter are Steve Austin, CECW-ON, (202) 761-1796; and Andrew Gray, CELD-T, (202) 761-1057.

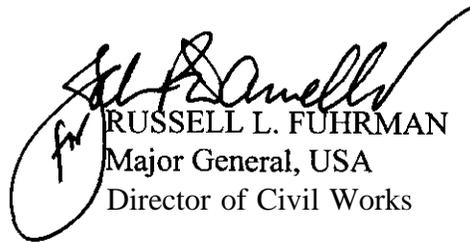
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7. These policy changes and specifications will be incorporated into the next revision of Chapter 6 of ER 1130-2-550 and EP 1130-2-550, and EP 310-1-6, respectively.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Appendix
App A - Visitor Assistance Vehicle
Marking Guide



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APPENDIX A

VISITOR ASSISTANCE VEHICLE MARKING GUIDE

The diagram below is to be used as a guide for placement of the "PARK RANGER" designation and Corps Communication Mark and Signature on the right and left front side doors of Corps vehicles primarily used by Natural Resources Management personnel performing visitor assistance duties. The Corps Communication Mark and Signature decal will be centered with exact placement contingent upon location of door handles, mirrors, and door guard/bumper strips. The Corps Communication Mark will measure 3 1/2-inches in height (castle), and the Corps Signature will consist of 7/8-inch, Helvetica Medium type face, upper and lower case black letters for "US Army Corps of Engineers"; 5/8-inch black Helvetica Medium type, upper and lower case letters for "For Official Use Only". District Names may be included as an option on the third line, between "US Army Corps of Engineers" and "For Official Use Only", with 5/8-inch Helvetica Medium type, upper and lower case black letters. A "PARK RANGER" decal will be centered above the Corps Communication mark and will consist of 2 1/2-inch to 3-inch Helvetica Medium type, all capital black letters on a white reflective backing.

