APD ALERT
Vehicle Description, EngineType, and Fuel Type

Purpose

Federal vehicle reporting requirements are based on vehicle acquisitions, disposals, and operational/maintenance costs according to the type of vehicle. To ensure accurate reports, APMO's must use correct descriptive options when updating vehicle records to USDA's Property System.

Policy

Use the following options for the "Description," "Engine Type" and "Fuel Type" fields when updating vehicle records to the Property System.

Description: The beginning of the description field must start out as:

Sedan	SUV
Truck	Van

Engine Type: Indicates the vehicle's engine type (not the type of fuel used).

A: Gasoline	**E**: Methanol Flex (M85)
B: Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)	**F:** Electric
C: CNG-Flex	**G:** Liquid Propane Gas - Flex (LPG)
D: Ethanol Flex (E85)	**J**: Diesel

Fuel Type: Indicates the type of fuel the vehicle can use:

1-Gasoline	**6**-Blended (avoid using)
2-Diesel	**7**-CNG
3-Aircraft (avoid using)	**8**-E85
4-Electric (not for Hybrids)	**9**-M85
5-Other (avoid using)	**10**-Bio Diesel

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