

News for the U.S. Army Reserve Environmental Community



The Army Reserve Completes first EMS metric

Environmental Policies Signed at All Army Reserve RRCs and Installations

Story by **Mr. Roc Tschirhart**

The Army Reserve has signed environmental policies at all RRCs and installations, completing the first metric towards implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS). Executive Order 13148, "Greening the Government through Environmental Leadership," requires that all federal agencies implement an EMS by December 2005. In response to this E.O., the Department of Defense (DOD) coordinated with the various DoD Services to establish the metrics that would determine when an EMS was implemented. The Army then set deadlines for completing each metric. The following table shows these deadlines:

Prioritized list of Aspects	30 Mar 05
Training	30 Mar 05
Management Review	31 Dec 05

In August 2003, MG Aadland, Director of the Installation Management Agency (IMA) distributed a memorandum detailing the metrics, and required that Army installations, RRCs, and National Guard states report the status of signed environmental policies by 30 September 2003 which was later extended to 31 October 2003. All RRCs, including the 9th RRC in Hawaii, and four of the six Army Reserve installations had signed policies by 30 Sep 03. The two remaining Army Reserve installations completed signed policies by 3 October 03.

Metric	Deadline
Environmental Policy	30 Sep 03
Self-assessment	30 Mar 04
Implementation Plan	30 Sep 04

Other EMS activities accomplished during FY03 are included on page 3



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Enter the U.S. Army Reserve Environmental Program Branding Contest

Story by **The Public Relations/Awards Subcommittee**

The U.S. Army Reserve Environmental Program is working towards creating a Branding to represent the Environmental Program nationwide. The branding would be comprised of both a logo and a slogan that could be used on different media (i.e., presentations, certificates, coins, T-shirts, etc.). Entries can include a logo and/or slogan and should support the U.S. Army Reserve's commitment to environmental excellence.

Send entries in electronic format or hard copy (no larger than 8 1/2" x 11") to Ingrid Weigand at the following address or via e-mail:

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The winner will receive special recognition.
The suspense date for this contest is 1 December 2003.

All submissions will become property of the U.S. Army Reserve. The U.S. Army Reserve reserves the right to modify all entries.



Fort McCoy Updates Installation Environmental Noise Management Plan

Story by **Fort McCoy Triad**

Fort McCoy has updated its Installation Environmental Noise Management Plan (IENMP), said Mark McCarty. McCarty, chief of the installation's Biological and Cultural Resources Section, Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security, said the plan identifies ways to increase Fort McCoy's compatibility with its neighbors without compromising its training objectives and national defense importance. The plan is an update of the 1996 plan.

McCarty said the plan has two purposes.

First, it preserves the operational capabilities of Fort McCoy that could be degraded by the development of incompatible uses off post.

Second, it protects local communities from noise and other installation-induced impacts that could affect their health, safety or public welfare.

The updated IENMP took into account the installation's increased training and mobilization mission, McCarty said.

"We're very sensitive to how the noise Fort McCoy generates affects the surrounding communities," McCarty said. "We want to make it clear if they have questions or concerns we'll be open to them while fulfilling our training requirements. The objective of the study is to help Fort McCoy be a good neighbor to the citizens of Monroe County."

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine was contracted by the installation to assist with data collection.

The data then was processed via a computer-modeling program to develop a noise contour map.

The information and noise contour map were used to recommend compatible land uses around the post's boundary to minimize noise impacts on the surrounding areas, McCarty said.

"These recommendations are intended as a guide and should be viewed as a means of continuing communication and cooperation between the post and the surrounding communities," McCarty said. "The post will work with local units of government to help develop or update land-use plans, zoning regulations and building codes to minimize incompatible land uses adjacent to the installation. We also want to make it clear that by making these recommendations, the U.S. Army has no intent to dictate changes in local land-use policies or practices."

A formal procedure to report noise complaints remains in place. Information about noise complaints should be provided to Fort McCoy Range Operations at (608) 388-4848.

McCarty said every effort will be made to correct a situation concerning noise, keeping in mind the post must successfully complete its training mission.

Copies of the plan and citizen's guide are available at the Tomah and Sparta Public Libraries or (plan only) on Fort McCoy's public Web site <http://www.mccoymil.com>. The document is located in the Reading Room menu area, under Other Topical Issues.

Army to Unveil Portal for Environmental Data

Story by **USAEC Environmental Update, Fall 2003 Edition**

A one-stop, one-password secure Web site for Army environmental reporting information is scheduled to debut during this fiscal year.

The Army Environmental Portal will serve as the gateway for all online reporting systems, including the Environmental Program Requirements Web site and the Army Environmental Database – Restoration. Current users of online reporting systems will have access to those systems through the portal once it opens. They will receive instructions on how to open a portal account.

The new portal will eventually work with the overall Army portal, Army Knowledge Online. Authorized en-

vironmental portal users will not have to enter – or remember – a separate password for each. "This makes things more secure because it will eliminate the need for people to remember multiple usernames and passwords and therefore work to reduce the need for employees to write them down," said Tom DeBacco, an information technology specialist who helped develop the portal.

Adding another reporting system to one's account will be simpler, said Durant Graves, functional lead for the project at the U.S. Army Environmental Center Information and Environmental Reporting Division.

For more information, e-mail: usaechelpdesk@aec.apgea.army.mil.

EMS Progress in FY03 and goals for the future

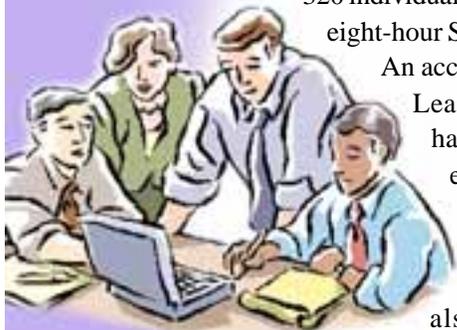
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This past year, the U.S. Army Reserve has been busy working on Environmental Management Systems (EMS) training and implementation. Instructors have been traveling to the various RRCs and Reserve installations to conduct a two-hour Command-level EMS Awareness training, and an eight-hour Staff-level training. To date, approximately 340 individuals, including twelve General Officers, have attended the two-hour Command-level EMS training sessions. Approximately 320 individuals have attended the eight-hour Staff-level training.

An accredited ISO 14001 Lead Auditor course has been offered to environmental staff several times over the past year. To date, 49 individuals have taken the

course. The intent of offering the course was primarily to help staff gain a better understanding of the ISO 14001 standard as they begin implementation. It also teaches auditing processes and techniques for those wanting to conduct EMS audits, both internal and external. We are continuing to offer additional courses.

This year we will begin EMS audits at RRCs and installations. Initially, we will focus on those RRCs and installations who want a gap analysis to help them meet the next Department of Defense (DOD) EMS metric which requires installations to conduct an EMS self assessment by 30 March 2003. RRCs and installations are requested to notify Roc Tschirhart if they want an EMS audit conducted. The EMS subcommittee is in the process of developing its charter, and an Army Reserver Intranet EMS website will soon be available for RRCs and installations to access information and EMS support tools. Look for more detail on these subjects in future issues.



Stop Stomping Bugs!

Use Self-Help Pest Control

Story by **Mr. Mel Marks**

The Department of Defense (DOD) has a very strict requirement that pesticides be applied only by (DOD or State) Certified Pesticide Applicators. The only exception to this is the authorized use of repellents and the Self-Help Pest Control program. Self-Help Pest Control was first tried in the early 1980s on a limited basis in military family housing. The program proved very successful. Self-Help Pest Control in housing, barracks, and offices is now being used very effectively on many facilities throughout the military community.

An approved Self-Help Pest Control program is now available for use by the Army Reserves. This program provides a viable option for reducing pest populations, lessening the risks of using pesticides, and lowering the need for professional pest management services.

Self-Help offers a selected group of pesticides and material for use by non-professional personnel in their own work areas. These are NOT materials for use by maintenance personnel to do the pest control at Reserve facilities. People who do pest control as a part of their jobs must be trained and certified.

Items offered for Self-Help uses are limited to self-contained (i.e. bait stations) or premixed products that can be safely used with minimal instruction. Pests that can be effectively controlled with Self-Help materials include cockroaches, ants, wasps, bees, flies, mice and certain weed problems. A training plan needs to be established to provide basic instruction prior to the issuing and use of Self-Help Pest Control items. Some basic provisions are also required for the storage and disposal of Self-Help materials. Pesticide products authorized for self-help programs are subject to the same record keeping requirements as those applying to other pesticides.

For more information on how to establish a Self-Help Pest Control program at your facility, contact the contracted IMA-ARD Pest Management Consultant, Mr. Melvin Marks, at (843) 824-2633.



The Public Relations/Awards Subcommittee offers these reminders for the following Environmental Awards nominations - all due between 01 December 2003 and February 2004.

Wildlife Management Institute Nominations for Touchstone and President's Awards

Due 01 December 2003. Both awards recognize exceptional professional ingenuity and tenacity in effecting a particular program that, within the past several years, has notably advanced the cause or prospect of sound resource management. The Presidents Award honors a federal, state or provincial natural resource agency's division, department, office or program. The Touchstone Award recognizes the achievement of a natural resource management program, professional or group of professionals in the public or private sector.

More information available at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/pages/awards.html>

Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award Nominations

Due 12 December 2003. This award recognizes and provides a yearly cash award to individuals who creatively and effectively provide technical assistance in conservation planning and plan application. Nominations must be submitted through your local Soil and Water Conservation Society.

More information is available at http://www.swcs.org/f_aboutSWCS_chrel.htm

Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards Nominations

Due in February 2004. Awards are presented for installations that have demonstrated outstanding energy and water management in implementing Executive Order (EO) 13123. Nominations should emphasize installation compliance with EO 13123 and project adherence to Sustainable Design and Development standards. AR 11-27, Army Energy Program, 3 February 1997, provides a detailed description of the award and evaluation criteria. Please note that a prerequisite to winning an award includes timely and accurate reporting of one's energy consumption into the Headquarters Redesigned Army DUERS Data System (HQRADDS). Nominations will be submitted to the Secretary of the Army by IMA-AR.

More information available at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/fd/policy/genenergy/energyawards.html>

Access Daily Air Quality Alerts

The Environmental Protection Agency website is now posting daily forecasts for Air Quality Indicators (AQI) that include particle pollution (soot) for many cities in the United States.

The AQI reports how clean the air is and whether it will affect health. EPA, state, and local agencies work together to report current and forecast conditions for ozone and particle pollution. "AIRNow" forecasts next-day air quality. To access your daily forecast go to: www.epa.gov/airnow.

Where you can find the PReserver Newsletter available for access online:

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<https://usarcintra/dcsengr/environmental/pRESERVEr.html>

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