



Environmental Management System (EMS)

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USAG Yongsan Environmental Policy



The image shows the cover of the USAG Yongsan Environmental Policy document. It features the U.S. Army logo, the title 'ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY', and the subtitle 'US Army Garrison Yongsan Policy 2-13'. The date is 29 July 2014. The main text states the mission and commitment to environmental stewardship, followed by six numbered points. A box lists five significant environmental aspects, and a signature block identifies Maria P. Eoff as the Commanding Officer. The background is a photograph of a traditional Korean pavilion.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
US Army Garrison Yongsan Policy 2-13
29 July 2014

US Army Garrison Yongsan will perform mission in concert with our stewardship responsibility to protect and conserve the environment. We are committed to minimizing potentially adverse environmental impacts that may result from our daily operations and to taking a proactive role in being conscientious stewards of the Korean lands entrusted to this Garrison. In accomplishing our mission, we commit to:

- Comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies;
- Assess our activities and services to determine their potential effects on the environment;
- Identify significant environmental impacts and provide objectives and targets;
- Recognize and implement pollution prevention strategies;
- Integrate environmental requirements into our mission procedures and work practices;
- Continually improve our Environmental Management System.

This policy applies to all Soldiers, civilians, Korean National employees, and contractors working for and on behalf of US Army Garrison Yongsan.

USAG Yongsan Five Significant Environmental Aspects with potential for greatest environmental impact:

- Bulk Fuel/Chemical Spill
- Storm Water Discharge
- Solid Waste generation
- Hazardous Waste Generation
- Energy consumption

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- Comply with **all applicable environmental regulations, polices and directives**
- **Assess our activities/services** to determine potential effects on the environment.
- Implement **Objectives and Targets** through EMS
- Implement **Pollution Prevention (P2)** strategies
- **Continually Improve our EMS**



What is an EMS and Why is it Important to you?

EMS stands for **Environmental Management System** which is a management approach based on continuous improvement aimed at long term mission sustainability to prioritize and manage the various environmental concerns at an installation.

EMS serves as a framework to systematically identify and reduce an organization's impact on the environment while maintaining mission focus.

An **EMS**

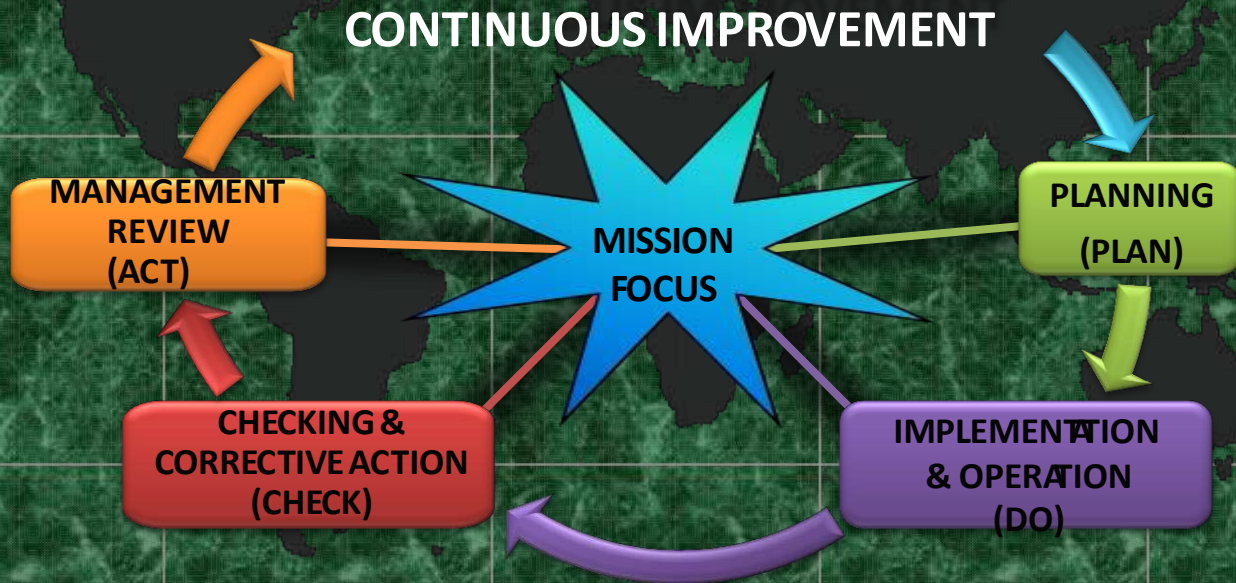
- Is NOT a computer software program
- Is about management practices and planning
- Involves everyone at all levels of the installation including Senior Leadership

! Remember EMS is a management process, not an environmental program.



The EMS Cycle

An EMS is a framework that allows an organization to understand and consistently control the effects of its operations on the environment through a system or cycle of Plan, Do, Check and Act, which promotes continuous improvement and maintains mission focus.





The Phases of an EMS

During the **Planning Phase (PLAN)** the environmental aspects and impacts of the installation's activities are identified and prioritized in order to establish environmental goals in support of the mission.

The **Implementing Phase (DO)** involves putting into place operational controls, documented procedures, specific roles and responsibilities, and providing training to manage those activities with high priority or significant aspects.

During the **Checking Phase (CHECK)** the management system is monitored and assessed based on established performance measures. Corrective actions are proposed for non-conformances.

Senior Leadership reviews the performance status of the EMS during the **Review Phase (ACT)** and takes the necessary corrective actions to improve the EMS.

Understanding Your Potential Impact on the Environmental



Now that you have a basic understanding of the concepts of an EMS, Your role as Environmental Officer, military staff, civilian, local national, or contractor, your responsibilities and actions are related to a successful EMS.

Let us look further at the following terms.

- **Activities, Products and Services**
- **Environmental Aspects**
- **Environmental Impacts**

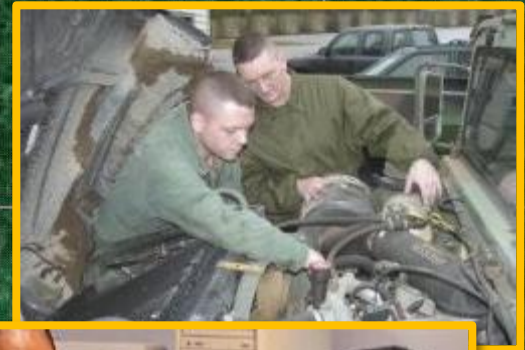
Activities, Products, and Services



Activities, products, and services are best described by the work process performed at an installation everyday

Examples includes:

- Changing oil in a vehicle, spot painting, repairing an engine
- Producing a report
- Providing heating and cooling, food and administrative services



Environmental Aspects



An environmental aspect is an element of the organization's activities, products, and services that can interact with the environment. Think of aspects as the "cause" of environmental impacts.

Examples include:

- Waste generation (e.g., used oil, solvent, waste paint)
- Fuel spills
- Paper consumption
- Energy consumption

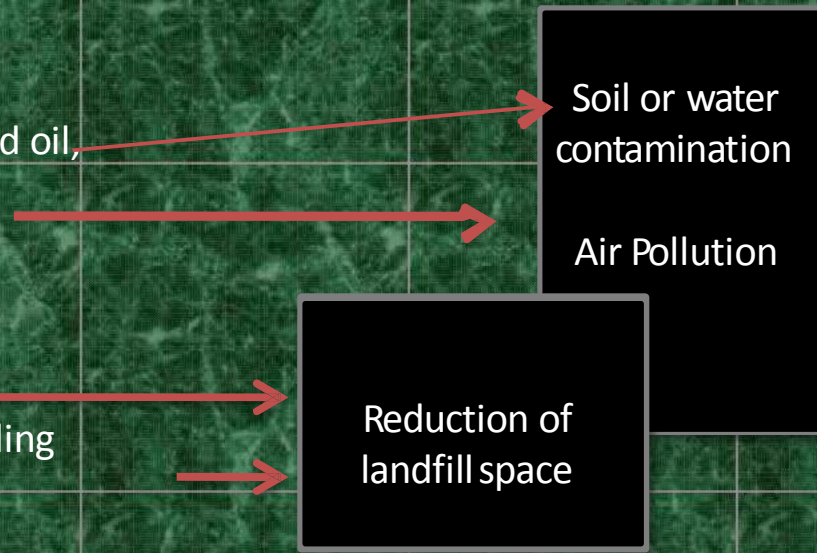


Environmental Impacts



The environmental impact can be described as any potential change to the environmental aspect and the associated activity product, or service. Environmental impacts can be thought of as the “effect” in a cause and effect Relationship, for example:

- Waste generation (e.g., used oil, solvent, waste paint)
- Fuel spills
- Paper consumption
- Energy consumption, recycling



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Significant Environmental Aspects (SEA)



Based on risk analysis of all environmental aspects, USAG Yongsan identified the five most significant. Once it becomes a significant aspect, the Environmental Management Program (EMP) being developed and operational controls will be implemented to reduce the risks.

USAG Yongsan **Significant Environmental Aspects**

Bulk Fuel/Chemical Spill

Storm Water Discharge

Hazardous Waste Generation

Solid Waste Generation

Energy Consumption



USAG Yongsan SEA #1 - Bulk Fuel/Chemical Spill

Activity: Receiving (Filling), Storage, and Distribution

Environmental Aspect: Uncontrolled
Accidental Releases (e.g., spill)

Environmental Impact: Contaminated Surface
Waters (e.g., Rivers, Streams, and Ocean); and Soil
& Groundwater

What do we do for Continuous Improvement?

- Reduce Accidental Spills through training
- Control Spills through follow SOP



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- Storm Water Discharge



Activity: Industrial Activities, Car Wash, and Operation and Maintenance of Oil-Water Separators

Environmental Aspect: Contaminants Discharged via Storm water System

Environmental Impact: Contaminated Surface Waters (e.g., Rivers, Streams, and Ocean); and Soil & Groundwater

What do we do for Continuous Improvement?

Minimize contaminants in wastewater going into the storm water system; and wastewater generation.



USAG Yongsan SEA #3 - Solid Waste Generation



Activity: Office and Administrative Work; Housing/Billeting Operations; and Solid Waste Management

Environmental Aspect: Solid Waste Generation

Environmental Impact: Depletion of Landfill Space; and Soil & Groundwater Contamination

What do we do for Continuous Improvement?

Reduce Solid Waste Generation; and Recycle and Reuse



USAG Yongsan SEA #4

- Hazardous Waste Generation



Activity: Operation and Maintenance of Housing/Billeting, Industrial Shops, Golf Course, and Landscape

Environmental Aspect: Hazardous Waste Generation

Environmental Impact: Soil & Groundwater Contamination; Degradation of Air Quality

What do we do for Continuous Improvement?

Minimize Hazardous Waste Generation;
Recycle/Reuse; and Use Alternative Chemicals



USAG Yongsan SEA #5 - Energy Consumption



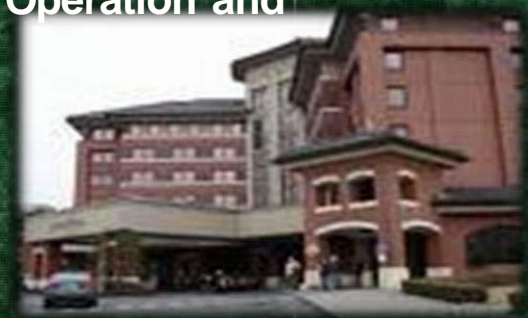
Activity: Office and Administrative Work; and Operation and Maintenance of Facility; Heating & Cooling

Environmental Aspect: Consumption of Electrical Power; and Heating Fuel

Environmental Impact: Degradation of Air Quality ; Depletion of Fossil Fuel Resources; and Global Warming

What do we do for Continuous Improvement?

Comply with Energy Conservation Requirements; Use Sub-metering



EMS Summary



You have successfully navigated the key concepts of environmental aspects and impacts and how they are related to your work. Your role as Environmental Officer and Military Staff plays an important to sustain our environmental stewardship and our mission. You are required to:

- Compliance with all Environmental Policies
- Understand Significant Aspects
- Update your SOPs, Pollution Prevention and Emergency Response Plans

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Environmental Management System (EMS) program is;

- A. Is a computer system and software package.
- B. Is about management practices and planning.
- C. Is about environmental stewardship of an installation.
- D. Both b and c

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A successful Army Environmental Management System (EMS) will:

- A. Reduce mission impact on the environment.
- B. Strive to find better ways to distract inspectors from finding areas of non-compliance.
- C. Maintain a high level of regulatory compliance.
- D. Both a and c.

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Many federal agencies have active and effective pollution prevention programs and waste management activities already underway These programs cannot be incorporated into an EMS:

- A. True
- B. False

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During which phase of an EMS does senior leadership take the required actions to improve the established EMS Cycle?

- A. Plan
- B. Do
- C. Check
- D. Act

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A successful EMS is the responsibility of:

- A. You
- B. Top leadership
- C. Supervisors and project managers
- D. All the above

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Which of the following is not a USAG Yongsan Significant Environmental Aspect?

- A. Spills related to Bulk Fuel Management
- B. Hazardous Waste Generation
- C. Air Emissions management
- D. Energy Consumption

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Which of the following is a part of the USAG Yongsan Environmental Policy?

- A. Comply with environmental laws and regulations
- B. Identify and Implement Pollution Prevention strategies
- C. Seek opportunities to Continuous Improvement
- D. All of the above.

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To reduce mission impacts, the Army focuses on activities that happen on site and in the field.

A. True

B. False

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Only senior leadership and the environmental office need to understand what an EMS is and their EMS responsibilities.

A. True

B. False

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What can you expect to see from your senior leadership regarding EMS?

- A. Determine how your site impacts the environment.
- B. Set achievable objectives to address significant environmental aspects.
- C. Designate unit Environmental Officer and responsibilities.
- D. All of the above.



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