

# Flying Green



The Flying Green is designed to help keep you informed on what is happening in the Environmental world at Fort Rucker. Please send comments or questions to [julie.p.majors.civ@army.mil](mailto:julie.p.majors.civ@army.mil).

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## FY26 External EPAS Audit Results

On 12-15 January 2026, Fort Rucker successfully completed an External EPAS Audit! A team of six assessors from Army Environmental Command evaluated the status of the installation's environmental program through document reviews, personnel interviews, and assessments of program implementation to determine compliance with applicable federal, state, and Army environmental requirements.

The FY26 External EPAS identified and reported a total of 32 findings throughout the installation. Of these, 25 were Class I findings and 7 were Class III findings. Class I findings are violations against current federal or state regulations, and Class III findings are violations against a DoD, Army, or Fort Rucker requirement. For more details, see the graphs and descriptions of the findings below.

The results for each of your organizations will be sent out by the EPAS Coordinator.

### Air Emissions Finding:

- Incomplete refrigerant appliance inventory

### Cultural Resources Findings:

- Outdated Plan
- Missing curation inventory and inspection reports

### Hazardous Waste Findings:

- Improper management of Universal Waste streams
- Failure to submit required regulatory notification
- Inadequate labeling and accumulation tracking
- Inadequate inspection and maintenance of safety equipment

### Pest Management Findings:

- Required personnel training not completed
- Pesticide storage not meeting required standards
- Outdated Plan
- Partial implementation of required module
- Incomplete pesticide application records

### Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants Findings:

- Inadequate secondary containment systems
- Inaccurate SPCC plan requirements
- Improper bulk storage container management
- Inadequate inspection practices

### Solid Waste Findings:

- Improper solid waste storage practices
- Medical waste management plan not developed
- Improper storage of bulky waste
- Missing required operational records
- Improper disposal of regulated waste streams

### Storage Tanks Findings:

- Inadequate inspection documentation

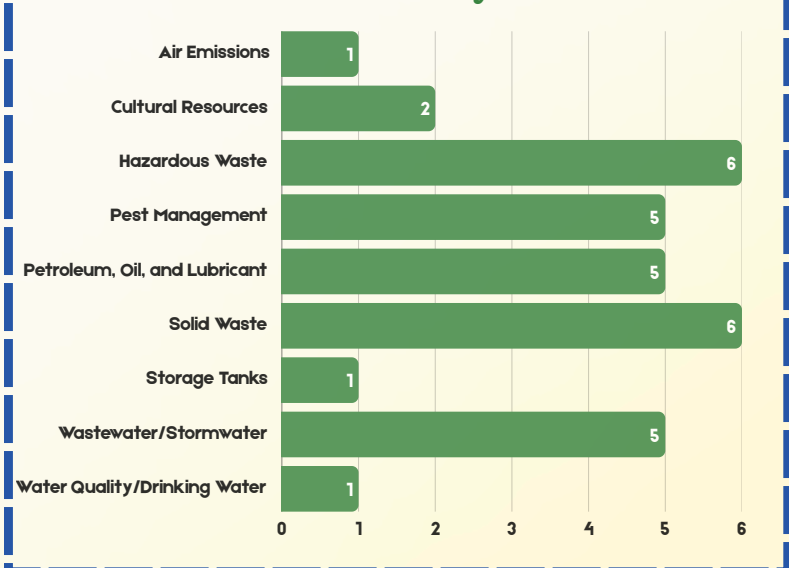
### Wastewater/Stormwater Findings:

- Unauthorized discharge to stormwater systems
- Missing or inadequate BMP implementation
- Inadequate erosion and sediment controls
- Incomplete inspection logs

### Water Quality/Drinking Water Finding:

- Inadequate/Incomplete cross-connection control plan

## FY26 EPAS Results by Media Area



The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved. – Richard Rogers

# Compliance Corner



## Spring Clean Your Habits

### Out with the Old

- ❌ Delayed response to spills & releases
- ❌ Improper waste labeling
- ❌ Containers left open or poorly stored
- ❌ No routine inspections
- ❌ "Not my responsibility" mindset
- ❌ Unreported compliance issues
- ❌ Outdated regulations knowledge



#### Did You Know?

One small compliance issue can lead to major environmental impacts, and costly violations.

## HELLO SPRING!

### In with the New

- ✅ Immediate spill response & reporting
- ✅ Accurate & compliant labeling
- ✅ Proper storage & closed containers
- ✅ Routine self-inspections
- ✅ Personal accountability
- ✅ Report & correct issues promptly
- ✅ Up-to-date on policies & training

**Environmental Compliance is Everyone's Responsibility!**

## FY26Q3 Environmental Compliance Training

Fort Rucker's Environmental Compliance training schedule for April 2026 is listed in the table to the right. Please be sure to sign up for required training on the environmental website ([www.fortrucker-env.com](http://www.fortrucker-env.com)).



Date	Time	Course Description
April 21, 2026	1300 - 1500	HWCAA Manager
April 22, 2026	0800 - 1000	HWSAA Manager
April 22, 2026	1300 - 1500	SPCC Plan
April 23, 2026	0800 - 1600	Environmental Officer
April 28, 2026	0800 - 1000	HWCAA Manager
April 28, 2026	1300 - 1500	HWSAA Manager
April 29, 2026	0800 - 1600	Environmental Officer
April 30, 2026	0800 - 1000	SPCC Plan

## ENVIRONMENTAL IQ

LAST QUESTION: What "A" term is defined as a body of rock or sediment that holds groundwater?

ANSWER: aquifer

NEW QUESTION: According to the EPA, what is the #1 source of water "waste" in the average American home?

Check here in the next issue for the IQ answer and a new question to test your environmental knowledge.