

Flying Green

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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 melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@mail.mil.



FY21 Internal EPAAS—Scheduled 3-6 May

The installation-wide internal EPAAS is scheduled for the week of 3 May 2021. We will conduct compliance inspections of representative activities across the installation using Fort Rucker's Environmental Compliance Inspection Checklist (USAACE Form 2717). To prepare for the audit, ensure that your Environmental Binder (see ENV-EM001) is up-to-date. The inspection will cover organizations that are inspected through our Compliance Inspection Program. Please contact Melissa Lowlavar with any questions.

Environmental Compliance Training

Fort Rucker Environmental Compliance training scheduled for April will be provided virtually through means of PowerPoint presentation(s). Please be sure to sign up for required training on the Sustainable Fort Rucker Website (www.fortrucker-env.com) prior to 12 April 2021.

Registered personnel will receive training material and exam(s) at the email address provided during registration. Please contact Melissa Lowlavar if you have any questions.

The courses offered are below.

Environmental Officer Training

Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) Training

90-Day Hazardous Waste Central Accumulation Area (HWCAA) Manager Training

Hazardous Waste Satellite Accumulation Area (HWSAA) Manager Training

EPAAS General Schedule:

- 3 May 2021
 - 8:00 to 8:30 In-brief
 - 8:45 to 2:30 Inspections
 - 3:30 to 4:30 Inspection write-up & turn-in
- 4 May 2021
 - 8:00 to 2:30 Inspections
 - 3:00 to 4:00 Inspection write-up & turn-in
- 5 May 2021
 - 8:00 to 2:30 Inspections
 - 3:00 to 4:00 Inspection write-up & turn-in
- 6 May 2021
 - 1:00 Out-brief

UPDATED GC POLICY MEMOS!!!

- GC POLICY MEMO 19-20
- GC POLICY MEMO 19-21
- GC POLICY MEMO 19-57
- GC POLICY MEMO 21-35

UPDATED WORK INSTRUCTIONS!!

- ENV-SW001 *Waste Turn-In Procedure* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-SW002 *Used Battery Management* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-SW003 *Used Lamps Management* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-SW007 *Mgmt of Used Oil and Fuel Filters* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-SW008 *Used Cooking Oil Management* (2Dec2020)
- ENV-SW010 *Contractor Hazardous Waste Management* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-WA004 *Washrack OWS Operation and Maintenance* (16MAR2021)
- ENV-TA001 *SPCC Plan Container Inspection Program* (02Dec2020)



UPDATED FORMS!!!

- USAACE FORM 2711
- USAACE FORM 2713
- USAACE FORM 2716
- USAACE FORM 2717
- USAACE FORM 2729

"Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man." –Stewart Udall

Remember to check the Sustainable Fort Rucker website for more information! <https://www.fortrucker-env.com>

Compliance Corner

The Compliance Corner is focusing on **EARTH DAY** this quarter. Let us know if you would like information about a particular topic, and we will include it in the next issue.

Celebrate Earth Day! "Restore Our Earth"

The First Earth Day took place in April 1970.....

It may be hard to imagine that before 1970, a factory could spew black clouds of toxic smoke into the air or dump tons of toxic waste into a nearby stream, and that was perfectly legal. They could not be taken to court to stop it. How was that possible? It was possible, **because there was no EPA, no Clean Air Act, and no Clean Water Act.** There were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment.



In spring 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force this issue onto the national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked! In December 1970, Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

How Can We Contribute to Restoring Our Earth?

- Buy local food to reduce the distance from farm to fork. Buy straight from the farm, frequent your local farmers' market, or join a local food co-op.
- Use a reusable water bottle to make a big impact on your plastic consumption. **1,000,000 MARINE ANIMALS ARE KILLED EACH YEAR AS A RESULT OF PLASTIC BAG POLLUTION**
- Practice sustainable fashion! **Donate your old clothes and home goods** instead of throwing them out. When you need something, **consider buying used items.** Used does not always mean unfashionable!
- Always read labels! Use environmentally-friendly, non-toxic cleaning products to **avoid washing toxic chemicals down the drain!**
- Save electricity and **turn off lights** when you leave the room.
- Try growing your own **organic garden!**



ENVIRONMENTAL IQ

LAST QUESTION: By planting one tree, how much oxygen is produced?

ANSWER: On average, one tree produces nearly 260 pounds of oxygen each year.

NEW QUESTION: Which president was in office when the first official Earth Day was celebrated?

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