

Sustainability Management System Highlights

1. What are the commitments of our Sustainability or Environmental Policy, R O C K or Resources, Optimize, Compliance and Keep Improving?

We are committed to preventing pollution and conserving natural resources. Having strong compliance, natural resources and pollution prevention programs in place allows us to focus our limited resources on performance and enhancement of the Mission.

2. What do these programs mean to Soldiers and the Mission?

Well, although the focus is on creating a sustainable installation, one that can fulfill the mission far into the future, enhancing the quality of life for the Soldier and his/her family is of tremendous importance; Both at work and at home. Minimizing impacts to the mission (e.g., noise and solid waste disposal) improves the training environment for the Soldier and likewise, ensures a better quality of life for the Soldier and his family, and for future generations.

In addition, the Sustainability Management System is an Installation program, and the Soldier has the added role and responsibility of being a good steward of the environment and helping to sustain the mission.

3. What does this mean for the environment?

The SMS affords us the opportunity to move beyond the strong Environmental Program that is currently in place, to a proactive program that maximizes the triple bottom line: Mission, Well-being and Environment.

4. Do you, have a role in the SMS?

Yes. As part of my job, I am to minimize any negative impacts to the environment. I recycle what I can, make sure that I am handling all hazardous materials properly and disposing of the hazardous waste generated in the correct containers. I know about Threatened and Endangered Species markings, when in the field and minimize my water and energy use when I can. I also ensure that I follow the spill response procedures by calling 911 in the event of a spill or Range Control if I'm in the field. As an ECO, I attend the quarterly EQCC meetings when I can and I know that an annual Management Review of the SMS is conducted during one of the quarterly EQCC meetings. The last Management Review was on 7 OCT 15 during one of our regular EQCC meetings. The management review for this year will be at the next EQCC.

5. Do these programs mean cost savings?

Yes, The SMS forces us to look at where we want to be in 25 or 30 years from now and we identify the actions needed to get there and the requirements needed to make it happen. This ensures that we are practical and matter-of-fact in our decisions on distributing our limited resources and that only necessary expenditures are made. One example would be the solid waste issue: It is essential that FS/HAAF Recycles. In addition to the fact that the Installation

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has a goal of reducing solid waste disposal by 40%, recycling decreases the amount of waste going to the landfill and provides a cost avoidance. The more solid waste we divert from the landfill, the longer we are able to use the landfill. If the landfill were to fill up and we had to transport waste to an off-post landfill for disposal, we would have to pay for transportation and tipping fees, which currently costs as much \$72/ton. On average, FS disposes of about 8K to 9K tons a year. So, that's an example of cost avoidance and it could be even greater if everyone recycles. Recycling is the main way we divert waste from the landfill.

6. Is there a specific program highlighted?

Yes, our significant aspects are Land Use, Water Use and Energy Use. This means that land use, water use and/or energy use activities that cause negative impacts must be properly managed to reduce those impacts. Currently, the SMS is focused on conserving our energy usage, water usage and two focus areas of FS/HAAF operations that are tied to land use. The first focus area is related to Threatened & Endangered Species Management. Reducing the impacts of our activities, along with effective TES Management, results in healthy, native ecosystems and robust populations, thereby having a positive impact on land use at FS/HAAF. As we minimize our impacts and benefit the environment, the landscape is also improved for training and training restrictions are reduced.

The second focus area is Solid Waste Management, which is pretty much everybody. We all need to do our part in reducing the amount of solid waste generated and diverting and/or recycling waste to decrease the amount of waste that is disposed. As mentioned above, this will increase the life of the landfill, having a positive impact on FS/HAAF land use, while also freeing up resources for training.

As for water and energy use, our targets are to reduce water usage by 2% each year until 2025 from a FY07 baseline and to reduce energy by 2.5% each year until 2025 from a FY15 baseline. To do this, the SMS program is stepping up outreach efforts to educate the FS/HAAF community on ways to conserve water and energy. Saving water and energy saves dollars. Our SMS Training video includes information on how you can contribute to our reduction goal. We ask for your assistance in spreading the news to your employees and practicing our water and energy saving tips at the office and at home.

7. Anything to add?

Having an SMS is beneficial to the Installation not only because it improves the ability to meet compliance with environmental regulations, but it also improves recognition of the key environmental issues by employees and a better public image of the organization. The SMS balances mission, well-being and environmental concerns to ensure the long-term ability of our Installation to train and deploy combat-ready Soldiers. As part of the SMS's continual improvement process, additional focus areas will be incorporated into the SMS over time and additional benefits will result.