

SMS Highlights

1. What are the commitments of our Sustainability 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 SMS 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 do they mean to 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 follow all procedures and know about Threatened and Endangered Species markings, when in the field. 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 26 OCT 09 during one of our regular EQCC meetings.

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 has a goal of reducing solid waste disposal by 50%, 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 \$90/ton. On average, FS disposes of about 25,000 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 and Water Use. This means that land use and/or water use activities that cause negative impacts must be properly managed to reduce those impacts. Currently, the SMS is focused on conserving our water usage and two areas of FS/HAAF operations that are tied to land use. The first focus area is those activities relating 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 those operations involving 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 use, our goal is to reduce water usage by 2% each year until 2020. This is very important due to the recent reduction in our groundwater withdrawal limit. In addition, the new E.O 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance," dated 8 OCT 2009, also requires that we minimize our water usage. To do this, the SMS program is stepping up outreach efforts to educate the FS/HAAF community on ways to conserve water. The SMS Awareness Cards and other print materials have been updated to include information on how individuals can contribute to our water use reduction goal. As Director, I continually emphasize to my employees the importance of practicing our water 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.

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