

COMPETENCE, TRAINING AND AWARENESS

Everyone's role on post relates to land use and water use in some way. In the motor pool or shop, recycling helps meet our goals to improve land use. Efficient use of water by sweeping instead of spraying, installing low-flow fixtures, and repairing leaking pipes helps meet our water conservation goals. Your Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) is your contact to ensure you are properly trained and have all SOPs in order to do your job correctly.

OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

Know the possible causes of environmental impacts from the activities you perform and manage your activities using proper procedures. Know what operational controls (SOPs) exist that instruct you on how to perform your job. Be sure that you have the most current version of the procedure. If a change is needed or a process change occurs, notify your ECO or the Environmental Division. Recall the training you have completed in order to perform your job. Training records are kept in the unit notebook in the motor pool or shop office. Remember to tell others that the significant aspects for Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield are land use and water use.

CONTROL OF DOCUMENTS

Know how to identify records and properly store them. Records, such as training logs and compliance inspection sheets, are stored in the unit notebook and kept in the motor pool or shop office. The Command Recycling Policy Letter requires all units to develop a recycling SOP. This, along with other records, is to be kept for a minimum of two years and should be replaced with a new copy if it becomes illegible.

FS/HAAF SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



The mission of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield (FS/HAAF) is to train and rapidly deploy heavy, armored forces as well as elite light fighters by air, land and sea to conduct mobile, combined arms offensive and defensive operations worldwide. To ensure the continuing ability to perform this critical mission, the Soldiers, Army Civilians and contract-ed personnel working on FS/HAAF must:

- Prevent pollution;*
- Conserve natural resources;*
- Comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations;*
- Strive to continually improve environmental stewardship*

FS/HAAF is committed to simultaneously maximizing the performance of the mission; minimizing our impact on the environment; while ensuring the well-being of Soldiers, Family Members, and surrounding communities. To achieve this goal, FS/HAAF will continue to implement and maintain an effective, integrated Sustainability Management System.



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Sustainability Guide

Sustainability Management System (SMS)

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This is a guide to ensure you are aware of the Sustainability Management System (SMS) processes and how they relate to your job in the shop or motor pool. Every job on post affects sustainability – from recycling to water conservation to management of Threatened & Endangered Species – we all have a part in making Fort Stewart & Hunter Army Airfield sustainable!

WHAT IS SMS?

An SMS is a continual cycle of planning, implementing, reviewing and improving the actions an organization takes to meet its environmental obligations.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

Environmental aspects are features or characteristics of an activity, product, or service that affect or can affect the environment. **Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield's (FS/HAAF) significant aspects are land use and water use.** From those aspects, SMS focuses on Threatened & Endangered Species (TES) management, solid waste reduction and water conservation. Everyone on post can contribute to sustainability efforts by recycling at work and at home, practicing efficient water use and abiding by TES restrictions in the training areas.

Sustainability Starts Here!



OBJECTIVES, TARGETS AND PROGRAMS

FS/HAAF is trying to reduce solid waste, conserve water and effectively manage TES. Our goal is to reduce water usage by 2% each year, divert 50% of our waste from the landfill by recycling and lift training restrictions imposed by TES. All of these goals will help make FS/HAAF a sustainable installation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Spill response training is included in the Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Handling Course that you complete and is the key element in being prepared for an emergency in the shop. In the event of a spill, remember to: warn personnel, shut off all ignition sources, stop the source of the spill, contain the spill, report the spill to the appropriate authority/command, complete spill cleanup, dispose of used absorbents or contaminated soil in accordance with environmental laws and regulations. Report spills in the cantonment area by calling 911, and call Range Control at 767-8777 for spills in the training areas.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

You have a role in implementing corrective actions! Help your Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) educate and monitor the rest of the unit to ensure the corrective actions are being implemented. Work with your ECO or inspector to ensure corrective actions are effective and shop operations show no signs of recurrence.

CONTROL OF RECORDS

Records, such as training logs and compliance inspection sheets, are stored in the unit notebook and kept in the motor pool or shop office. These records are to be kept for a minimum of two years and should be available for review.

How Can You Contribute?

Recycle at work and at home. This reduces the amount of solid waste that goes to the landfill.

Green Procurement: Consider the total cost of products, "cradle to grave," when purchasing materials and supplies. Here are a few examples of green products:

- Products manufactured from recovered materials,
- Environmentally preferable products,
- Energy efficient products,
- Biobased products,
- Alternative fuels and fuel efficient vehicles, and
- Non-ozone depleting substances.

Conserve Water:

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- Sweep the driveway instead of spraying it down with a garden hose.
- Use harvested rain water instead of potable water to irrigate and water plants.
- Install low-flow fixtures, such as shower heads and low-flow toilets.

Conserve Energy:

- Turn off lights/equipment when not in use.
- Utilize alternative fuels when possible.

Preserve Air Quality:

- Choose clean commuting alternatives, such as carpooling, mass transit, walking or cycling.
- Don't idle your vehicle.

Protect Threatened & Endangered Species: Be mindful of TES when working in the training areas. Some areas have restrictions that must be upheld.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): Know and follow all SOPs for your job, such as spill response and proper handling of hazardous waste.

Education: For more information, watch the SMS training video on the internet at:

http://www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/PC_Sustainability_Training.asp

Contact your unit ECO, or call the SMS Management Representative/Lead at 767-2010.

Remember: Sound Sustainable management of our resources enables maximum use of training lands and facilities to train Soldiers, reduces potential environmental impacts, and maximizes efficient use of FS/HAAF resources!