Environmental Performance Assessment and Assistance System

EPAAS:

EPAAS is the Army's program for auditing installation-level environmental performance, and is the key element in the plan-do-check-act framework of the Environmental Management System (EMS). Periodic External EPAASs (every 3 years), together with annual Internal EPAASs, provide the Garrison Commander with an overview of the installation's overall environmental posture.
An EPAAS assessment includes:

1. an assessment of the EMS's conformance to ISO 14001, EMS Policy and the installation's own EMS procedures
2. An assessment of the Installation's compliance with legal and other requirements
3. An outline of corrective actions required to address deficiencies identified during the assessment.

EPAAS outcome:

The result of the External as the Internal EPAAS, as e.g. findings are briefed at the Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC). The USAG must develop a corrective action plan to address the deficiencies identified in the external and internal EPAAS. The progress of corrective actions and root cause corrections is also discussed in the quarterly EQCC meetings with senior staff.

Last External EPAAS was in Sep 2013

EPAAS Preparation for Environmental Officers (EO):

EO make sure to be prepared with the following:

- ✓ EO Smart Book including:
- ✓ EMS policy letter
- ✓ EO appointment letter signed by Unit Commander
- ✓ Aspects list of your respective area
- ✓ Environmental SOPs
- ✓ Site specific Spill Prevention and Response Plan (RED PLAN)
- ✓ Training certificates (basic + refresher)
- ✓ Documentation of personnel training (sign in rosters)
- ✓ Documentation of inspections (weekly HM/HW storage areas; EPAAS etc)
- ✓ Current hazardous material inventory
- ✓ MSDSs for all HM that is in your workplace
- ✓ HW management plan
- ✓ List of certified hazardous cargo drivers
- ✓ Spill kits, drip pans, appropriate signs at containers

Next External EPAAS scheduled: 13-17 June 2016

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