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## JBLM Directorate of Public Works Specialized team helps keep JBLM clean

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Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Directorate of Public Works Environmental Compliance Assessment Team is responsible for conducting environmental compliance assessments of both civilian and military organizations on JBLM. The team works to ensure that organizations on the installation operate in compliance with local, state and federal environmental laws.

Army regulations require JBLM maintain an environmental management system inclusive of all who work on or for the installation. JBLM meets this requirement by incorporating environmental requirements into existing JBLM management processes.

Military units and other organizations are included in the environmental management system through the issuance of an environmental operating permit. The permit is a type of CliffsNotes for identifying environmental requirements related to jobs performed in the organization.

The environmental division offers environmental operations management training for environmental officers on Wednesdays at the environmental division in Building 1210.

Assessors have five standardized checklists to use while on site. Their daily work includes going to the staff duty desk to let the unit know the assessor will be in their footprint for the next few days.

Then the assessor connects with the environmental officer on-site, does a walk-through of the facilities for which the environmental officer is responsible, and identifies areas of concern, explaining what is observed. Photos are taken of any issues to accompany the checklist report.

When the report is complete a formal briefing is conducted with the battalion commander. It identifies the areas of concern, actions to be taken to correct identified deficiencies, and the specific timelines involved for those corrections to be made.

The top 10 list of inspection deficiencies are reviewed and reported on a quarterly basis. Many of the requirements are simple housekeeping measures, such as environmental training and regular documentation of inspections.

If your organization is going out to train or deploy and the rear detachment will continue to conduct maintenance, contact the environmental division to either train a replacement environmental officer who will serve on the rear detachment.

If no maintenance will be conducted while your unit is training, it is recommended that you contact the environmental division to have dangerous waste removed from your site. It will simplify your next inspection and keep things safe on JBLM.

There are special considerations that apply to protection of the environment at JBLM. Some examples of these environmental requirements deal with the use of hazardous materials, generation of hazardous and solid waste and air and water pollutants.

There is a team of people available to guide and assist each entity (unit, organization or directorate) with meeting the legal requirements. Call the environmental division at 253-967-4786 to register for the next environmental operations management class.

For more information, there is a general overview of the JBLM Environmental Program and requirements at [tinyurl.com/y877ec8f](http://tinyurl.com/y877ec8f) or keep up to date with Sustainable JBLM/Facebook.



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Simon Cannon, Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Directorate of Public Works Environmental Compliance Assessment Team Assessor, teaches an environmental class on JBLM Oct. 11.

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