

## Fort McCoy Environmental Policy Statement

1. Fort McCoy's training mission is dependent on a high quality environment and natural resources. It is the responsibility of everyone who works and trains on Fort McCoy to first and foremost successfully complete our missions, but at the same time maintain a healthy environment that will support today's and tomorrow's soldier.
2. In accomplishing our missions, it is Fort McCoy's policy to:
  - a. Foster the wise stewardship of our natural resources which will support and sustain:
    - (1) A realistic training environment.
    - (2) A productive operational base.
    - (3) The biological diversity of the land.
    - (4) When practical, commercial and recreational opportunities.
  - b. Make environmental compliance and pollution prevention an integral part of our operational processes.
  - c. Procure, when practical, environmentally-preferable and energy-efficient products and products made from recycled materials.
  - d. Identify environmental requirements early in the planning process that impede construction projects and training activities.
  - e. Establish and document realistic environmental objectives and targets and and maintain programs for their accomplishment.
  - f. Measure the effectiveness of our environmental management system and be dedicated to continuous improvement and re-engineering principles.

# FORT McCOY

## Environmental Management System (EMS)

## AWARENESS GUIDE



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# The Fort McCoy Environmental Management System (EMS) Awareness Guide

Three things every soldier, tenant, civilian employee and support contractor of Fort McCoy MUST know:

1. **Know that the EMS is the Management System we use to implement the Fort McCoy Environmental Policy.**
2. **Know the basic contents of the Environmental Policy (refer to back page of this guide – this should also be posted in every work area).**
  - The wise stewardship of our natural resources.
  - Environmental regulatory compliance and pollution prevention becomes a part of our day to day activities.
  - Frontload “environmental” in the planning process for new construction and training activities.
  - Measure the effectiveness of our effort.
  - CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT!
3. **Know the Environmental Impacts of your job!**
  - Know the possible causes of environmental impacts from the activities you perform and manage your activities using proper procedures.
  - If you have been designated to perform an activity that could result in a **significant** environmental impact, you must know how to properly manage that activity.

## For more information...Contact:

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**Important Note:** Receipt and review of this guide constitutes your required EMS awareness training - **Be prepared when asked!**



## Definitions: ISO 14001:2004

**Environmental Aspect** – “element of an organization’s activities, products or services that can interact with the environment”

**Environmental Impact** – “any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organization’s environmental aspects”

### Why are we doing this?

- To support the MISSION of Fort McCoy!
- Strategic Planning
- SUSTAINABILITY for the future!
- Executive Orders 13148, 13423 and 13514

### Why is environmental management important?

Sound environmental management enables maximum use of training lands and facilities to train soldiers, reduces potential environmental impacts, and maximizes efficient use of Fort McCoy resources!

### EMS IS A MISSION ENABLER!

#### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FORT MCCOY EMS

**The Garrison Commander** – The Garrison Commander is the champion of the EMS and works to gain and maintain the full support of key installation stakeholders and other leaders outside the garrison.

**Directors and Commanders** – The Directors and Commanders are the next link in the chain of command of the EMS. The directors receive information at the Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC), which is embedded in the Senior Management Board (SMB). The Commanders of tenant organizations and other organizations not represented at the SMB receive information and can provide input into the EMS at the Garrison Staff/Tenant Meeting which is held twice a year. Directors and Commanders disseminate information to their respective organizations.

**The Environmental Management System Management Representative (EMSMR)** - The EMSMR coordinates the implementation and manages day-to-day operations. This responsibility has been formally delegated to the DPW, Compliance Branch Chief.

**The Environmental Management System Coordinator (EMSC)** – The EMSC is designated by the EMSMR and is the point of contact (POC) for the EMS.

**Everyone who works or trains on the installation including tenants and contractors** – Everyone is required to undergo initial training in environmental awareness and installation environmental policy.