



Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Commanding Officer's Environmental Policy Statement



Over the next five years, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune will prepare for increasing demands on facilities, training areas, ranges and quality-of-life services that support the readiness of forces based here. In so doing, and in continuing to meet its mission, Camp Lejeune will continue to protect human health, conserve natural and cultural resources, and comply with regulatory requirements. Through an active and effective Environmental Management System (EMS), Camp Lejeune will continuously assess operations, and identify and implement improvements to its practices in order to meet the objectives of Executive Order 13423 and other governing regulations.

Compliance

Marines uphold the Constitution and obey the Nation's laws. Complying with environmental laws is part of that duty. Camp Lejeune can ill afford expending scarce resources and man-hours on remedial action, penalties and adverse public attention that may result from failing to comply with environmental laws.

Conservation

The public relies on everyone stationed or working aboard Camp Lejeune to protect the natural and cultural resources entrusted to Camp Lejeune. The public's precious trust must not be violated.

Pollution Prevention

Pollution prevention includes maximum use of products and processes that minimize exposure to hazardous materials. Additionally, pollution prevention mitigates the burden of environmental compliance by reducing the volume of waste aboard Camp Lejeune, and the risks and costs of disposal and cleanup.

Cleanup

Camp Lejeune is committed to assessing and remediating contaminated sites aboard the Base that are the result of past hazardous material storage practices or past hazardous waste disposal practices. Camp Lejeune will encourage public participation, facilitate cooperation, and exchange information with parties of the investigation and remediation process.

Outreach

Camp Lejeune will collaborate with local communities and regulatory agencies to enhance stewardship of the environment, create goodwill, and build trust. Mutual benefit of the Base and surrounding communities is the goal.

In each of these major facets of environmental management Camp Lejeune will diligently, vigorously, and thoroughly employ its EMS in order to fulfill its obligations in environmental stewardship, preserve the ability to fulfill its mission, and in short do what the Nation expects of everyone aboard the Base.

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