



Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Commanding General's Environmental Policy Statement

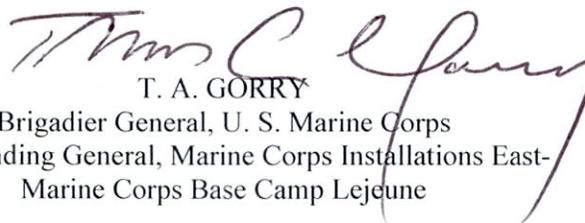


The protection and enhancement of our natural environment is a key asset in the training and support mission of Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ). As we prepare for the increasing demands on facilities, training areas, ranges, and quality-of-life services that support the readiness of our forces, we are committed to protecting human health, conservation of natural and cultural resources, and compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Environmental Management System (EMS) promotes sustained mission readiness through actively identifying and implementing opportunities for efficient resource use. Through the EMS, we will continually assess daily operations and identify and implement improvements to its practices to comply with governing regulations and meet the sustainability objectives of Executive Orders 13514 and 13423. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ will:

- Uphold the Constitution and obey the Nation's laws. Complying with environmental laws is part of that duty.
- Protect the natural and cultural resources entrusted to MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The public's trust is precious and must not be violated.
- Implement pollution prevention initiatives, waste diversion, recycling, and waste minimization programs. Pollution prevention efforts will promote the use of products and processes that minimize exposure to hazardous materials.
- Assess and remediate contaminated sites aboard the Base that are the result of past disposal practices, and spills and leaks of hazardous materials and waste. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ encourages public participation, facilitates cooperation, and exchanges information with parties of the investigation and remediation process.
- Implement energy efficiency and water conservation management projects. We will reduce facility life-cycle environmental and energy costs through improving energy efficiency, utilizing renewable energy, and conserving water in new construction and major building renovation.
- Procure sustainable products, including bio-based, environmentally preferable, energy efficient, water-efficient, and recycled-content products.
- Collaborate with local communities and regulatory agencies to enhance stewardship of the environment, create goodwill, and build trust.
- Educate our Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines about their responsibility to protect our natural environment, stressing the important role each individual plays in an effective environmental management system.

We are committed to applying and continually improving these environmental management principles to our Command's resources to strengthen our mission.


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