

## Moving Forward

### RESPONSIBILITY

Special teams have been assembled to plan and direct implementation and maintenance of the system:

- EMS Working Groups– These working groups consist of members of the Environmental Management Division & other internal & external stakeholders at MCBCL & MCASNR. These groups evaluate environmental impacts caused by mission-supported activities (practices) & recommend solutions. The EMS Manager and Environmental staff work with units to gather, organize, and disseminate information; develop procedures; and advise, coordinate, facilitate, and monitor EMS implementation.
- EMS Management Review Board – This board consists of senior leaders from major tenants and activities aboard MCBCL & MCASNR. The EMS Review Board reviews the EMS POA&Ms and their continual progress to ensure solutions are relevant to the practices on our base.
- All MCBCL personnel are responsible for performing their jobs in a safe, environmentally responsible manner.
- Understand and comply with our EMS and other policies and the procedures that affect our work.

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- Learn about any possible significant environmental impacts that may be related to your jobs. By improving our job performance, our impacts on the environment can be minimized.
- Know your roles and responsibilities, including your role in emergency preparedness and response.
- Understand that there are possible consequences of not following procedures; consequences that can cause environmental problems for us and/or our community.
- Complete training programs that have been set up for your job. Training is one way of increasing our confidence ensuring that we are competent to do the job.



## Environmental Management System



If you have any questions about EMS, please go to the EMD website at <https://intranet.emportal.usmc.mil/>.

## Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune



### 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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## WHAT IS EMS

- An Environmental Management System

(EMS) is a systematic approach to ensure that environmental activities of an organization are well managed and continually improve. For example, when modifying a building in the historical district, the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan must be followed to ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

## Why are we Implementing EMS?

Executive Order 13148 directs federal facilities to implement an EMS by December 31, 2005. In December 2007, MCB Camp Lejeune declared conformance. The EMS includes measurable environmental goals, objectives and targets, and is based on an appropriate framework.

Additional Department of Defense Measures of Merit were outlined in Executive Order 13423 in January 2007. Both the Base and Air Station are working vigorously to meet these objectives along with others developed by individual Working Groups.

Using the Plan-Do-Check-Act model, MCBCL has designed a system that will help ensure our commitment to environmental protection.

## How can you become involved in the EMS Process?

If you are a unit member:

- Contact your Environmental Compliance Coordinator or Environmental Compliance Officer to talk about your units Work Practices.

If you are an ECO or ECE:

- Ensure you recognize all your units Work Practices and how they relate to environmental impacts.
- If you are experiencing specific issues related to your Work Practices, contact the EMS program manager to discuss how your issue can best be addressed.
- Remain actively engaged at the Working Group level for your Command.



## AUDITS & ASSESSMENTS

Monitoring and measuring the EMS helps us to manage it better for more effective results.

Different ways can be used to find out how well the system is working. Methods we use for this include:

- Measuring our performance in meeting environmental objectives. Your management will let you know how much progress we are making in improving our environmental performance.
- Conducting internal audits focusing on environmental management and control. Similar to our Environmental Compliance Evaluations.

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