



## Fort Jackson Environmental News 2015

### Calendar of Environmental Training and Events:

**14 January- Hazardous Substance (HS) Management Class** will be held at 0830 in the Environmental Division (ENV) conference room, 2563 Essayons Way. This 2½ hour class is required for all personnel who manage hazardous waste (HW) or controlled waste, or have a high potential for HW generation or HS violations. The class is an annual requirement offered quarterly and also upon request. Please contact Heather Thomas, ENV, at 751-4231 or [heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil](mailto:heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil) to schedule training.

**27 January - Environment & Energy Meeting** at 1030 at Building 2400. This quarterly meeting is for Commanders, Directors, Staff, and Environmental Compliance Officers (ECOs). Attendance by ECOs and Building Energy Monitors (BEMs) is highly encouraged. Environmental Stewardship Awards for 2015 will be given out at this time.

**26-27 January - Environmental Compliance Officer Course (ECOC)** - will be held in the Safety Center Classroom, 3240 Sumter Street. Please contact Pearline Jackson, ENV, at 751-5011 or [pearline.jackson@us.army.mil](mailto:pearline.jackson@us.army.mil) for registration. Include the attendee's full name, rank, job title, name of unit/activity, telephone number, and e-mail address. *Note: Walk-ins are welcome, availability permitting.*

**Administrative ECOC** - A shorter electronic ECOC is available for administrative organizations/personnel on Fort Jackson. To take the electronic ECOC, go to <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/files/2014/08/Electronic-Admin-Training-Jan-2015.pdf>. For more information, contact Lisa McKnight, ENV, at 751-5971 or [lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil). *\*\*Note: Please remember that it is mandatory for all organizations, including administrative organizations, to have a trained primary and alternate ECO.*

**Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Training** - This training is required annually for all personnel involved in oil handling, transfer, storage, or maintenance of oil equipment. Please contact Mark Merritt, ENV, at 751-9511 or [mark.d.merritt6.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mark.d.merritt6.civ@mail.mil) to schedule training.

The Wildlife Branch participated in CC Pinckney Elementary School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) event on 17 November. Cultural and natural resource teaching aids were displayed on tables that allowed the students to learn about plants, animals, endangered species, and archeology on Fort Jackson.



# How to Put "Green" In Your Holidays!



- Millions of paper and plastic bags end up in the landfills every year. You can prevent this by recycling your paper and plastic bags or, even better, using reusable shopping bags. They are durable, lightweight, and some are made with insulation for your hot and cold items. They also make great gift bags when gift giving or taking hostess gifts.
- Consider using magazine pages, sheet music, fabric, or newspapers as gift wrap.
- Use LED lights, they lower your energy bill since they use almost 90% less power and last twice as long. Go an extra step and use a timer.
- Save energy by lowering your thermostat at night and when you are away.
- Save gift boxes, bows, and packing materials for next year.
- Put this year's Christmas cards away to cut up and use as gift tags next year.
- Instead of buying your wreaths and garland, take a stroll through the woods to collect the materials to make your own. Who knows? It may even become a family tradition.
- Use less paper and plastic products when entertaining. This is the perfect year to pull out that "special" holiday china. Use cloth napkins for that elegant touch.
- Purchase products with recycled content, recycle as many items as possible, and compost your food for next year's spring garden. The Fort Jackson Recycling Center accepts cardboard, paper, magazines, newspaper, metal, plastic, glass, cooking oil, and wooden pallets.
- If you receive new furniture, appliances, toys, games, or clothing, consider giving your old, gently used items to a local charity or the Fort Jackson Thrift Shop (787-2153). Save your unusable electronic items for the next collection in April 2016.
- With all of the toys and electronics that consume batteries, consider buying rechargeable batteries that can be used again and again.
- Instead of purchasing ornaments that can break and cost a fortune, why not make your own out of items you already have like pinecones, family photos, and old jewelry.
- Visit <http://www.pinterest.com> for great holiday ideas using what you already have.
- Recycle your Christmas trees after the holidays at the Recycling Center - more information will be provided later.



Check the following website to ensure your environmental documents are current.

<http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/units/usag/dpw/env/emb/>

Examples of documents located on this link are the Environmental Guidebook, Environmental Compliance Checklist, and Spill Response Plan.