



Fort Jackson Environmental News 2014

Calendar of Training Opportunities:

16-17 December - 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 to register for the course. 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. For more information or to take the electronic ECOC, contact Lisa McKnight, ENV, at 751-5971 or 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 to schedule training.

The next Hazardous Substance (HS) Management class will be held on 15 January at 0830 in the 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 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 to schedule training.

Green Holiday Tips:

- Consider using magazine pages, sheet music, fabric, or newspapers as gift wrap.
- Use LED lights, they cost you less on your energy bill and last twice as long.
- 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.
- If you receive new appliances, toys, games, or clothing, consider giving your old, gently used items to a local charity or even the Fort Jackson Thrift Shop (787-2153).
- Visit <http://www.pinterest.com> for great holiday ideas using what you already have.



External Environmental Audit coming to Fort Jackson

Fort Jackson will have a post wide external Environmental Performance Assessment and Assistance System (EPAAS) assessment 2-6 February 2015. The Team is made up of members from the Army Environmental Command.

The EPAAS external assessment is a comprehensive installation compliance "snapshot" that evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of an installation's environmental program. The assessment not only identifies areas of noncompliance, but also offers recommendations for corrective actions and estimated costs.

The External EPAAS Team will visit a sampling of all operations on post that may have a potential environmental impact. These may include, but are not limited to, administrative sites, training organizations, motor pools, FOB Sites, fuel storage points, medical treatment facilities, energy plants, paint shops, carpentry shops, and utilities post-wide.

The in-briefing is on 2 February 2015 at 0900 in the Post Conference Room.

Have questions: please contact Patrick L. Green, ENV at 751-5904 or Patrick.l.green1@us.army.mil.

America Recycles Day was a great success....



Totals collected:
Tires: 280 lbs
Batteries: 20 lbs
E-waste: 6500 lbs
Paper shred: @ 16,000 lbs



Look Who We Caught Cleaning Up Fort Jackson.....



Thanks to the Chaplain School, 4-10 Infantry Brigade, and the 369th - Delta Company for being outstanding environmental stewards by conducting numerous cleanups around Fort Jackson.

If you or your organization is interested in conducting a litter cleanup, we can help with supplies; call Stephanie Gillian at 751-9507.

Changes to Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) cavity tree markings in some areas of the installation are bringing a change to the training restrictions around certain relict cavity trees. These trees have not been actively used by the endangered bird for a period of time long enough that biologists in the Wildlife Branch have replaced the traditional double-white bands with new double-green bands (photos below). Along with the change in color bands for these select trees, the 200-foot buffer zone associated with these newly painted double-green banded trees is being adjusted, lifting military training restrictions around the green banded trees. Training restrictions are; however, still in place for white banded trees. A description of these training restrictions can be found in Fort Jackson Regulation 350-14, Section 7-8.

Although training restrictions are not necessary around the green painted trees, all RCW cavity trees, whether painted green or white, are protected and cannot be damaged in any way. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this topic, please contact Doug Morrow in the Wildlife Branch at (803) 751-4793.

