



Fort Jackson Environmental News

Environmental Calendar:

24-25 October - Environmental Compliance Officer Course (ECOC) - will be held in the Safety Center Classroom, 3240 Sumter Street. Please contact Lisa McKnight, ENV, at 751-5971 or lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil for registration. Include the attendee's full name, rank, unit/activity, work telephone number, and work e-mail address. *Note: Walk-ins are welcome, availability permitting.*

1 November - Environment and Energy Meeting - will be held at 1430 in the Post Conference Room, second floor of Building 2400. This quarterly meeting is for Commanders, Directors, Staff, and Environmental Compliance Officers (ECOs).

15 November- America Recycles Day & Shred Day- 0900-1300 at FJ Recycling Center. Bring your personal papers and unclassified documents to be shredded. This helps prevent identity theft and helps the planet at the same time by recycling.

11 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 to schedule training.

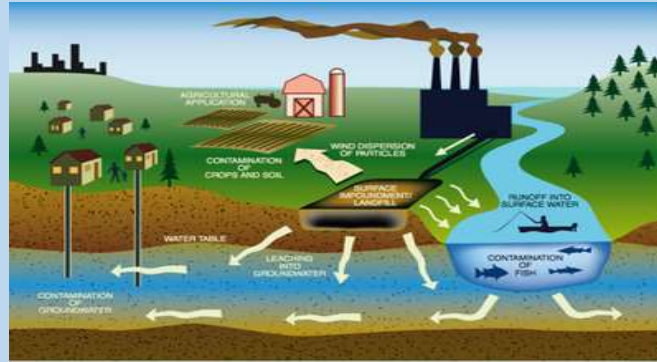
Administrative ECOC - A shorter electronic ECOC is available for administrative organizations/personnel. Go to <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/files/2014/08/Electronic-Admin-Training-Jan-2015.pdf>. For more information, contact Lisa McKnight, ENV, at 751-5971 or lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil. ***Note: 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 Christy Pollock, ENV, at 751-6629 or christina.b.pollock.civ@mail.mil to schedule training.

Did You Know...?

- Required environmental regulations and guidance documents can be located at <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/files/2015/12/Environmental-Guidebook-May-2017.pdf>
- The external Environmental Performance Assessment System team will be conducting inspections on Fort Jackson during the last week of February 2018. Ensure that your area is in compliance with environmental regulations. Need assistance in your preparation? Please contact the ENV at 751-5971.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention



Stormwater runoff is created when rain falls on the ground and flows into the nearest storm drain or body of water. As stormwater flows across impervious surfaces, it picks up pollutants and debris which also travel to the nearest waterway. Unlike sewage, stormwater does not go to a treatment facility before it is discharged into a lake, river, stream, or other body of water. Types of pollutants found in stormwater are sediment, excess nutrients, bacteria, pathogens, litter, and household wastes. These pollutants can cause water to turn cloudy, promote algal blooms, deplete oxygen levels, limit recreational use, and kill aquatic life such as fish.

The Clean Water Act requires cities, counties, industries, and federal facilities to control the quality of stormwater runoff. Fort Jackson has a Stormwater Management Program that is run by ENV with oversight from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. However, it is essential to have active participation from everyone on the installation to prevent contaminants from coming into contact with stormwater.

How you can help reduce stormwater pollution:

- Never dispose of oils, pesticides, or any chemical or solution onto paved surfaces or storm drains.
- Ensure your vehicle is not leaking fluids. Tactical vehicles are required to have drip pans placed under them when they are parked to prevent drips on the ground.
- Don't clean walkways with a hose. Use a broom instead. Never put [or blow] yard/green waste into a storm drain or onto a paved surface.
- Wash vehicle at a commercial car wash or, if you must wash it at home, wash it on the lawn instead of the driveway. Prevent soapy water from flowing into a storm drain or onto a paved surface.
- Clean up spills immediately and dispose of waste properly. Do not store hazardous materials outside where they can be exposed to rainfall. Contact Heather Thomas, ENV, at 751-4231 or heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil for disposal guidance.
- Rinse water-based paint brushes in a sink. For additional guidance on paint & paint related material, go to <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/files/2015/12/Environmental-Guidebook-May-2017.pdf>.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction materials.
- Dispose of mop water in a sink or toilet, never in a storm drain.
- Vegetate or mulch bare soil areas to prevent erosion & soil runoff.
- Clean up after your pets.
- If your storm drain is clogged or malfunctioning, complete a DA 4283 (Work Order) and submit it to Jazel Cook (jazel.cook.civ@mail.mil, 751-5055) at the Work Order desk.