



Fort Jackson Environmental News

Environmental Calendar:

16 May 0900-1300 - Shred Day 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.

22-23 May - Environmental Compliance Officer Course (ECOC) - will be held in the Safety Center Classroom, 3240 Sumter Street. Please contact Lisa McKnight, Environmental Division (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.*

12 July- Hazardous Substance (HS) Management Class will be held 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 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 Heather Thomas, ENV, at 751-4231 or heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil to schedule training.

Attention Environmental Compliance Officers!!!!

Are you completing the following requirements?

- Monthly Environmental Compliance Checklists
- Annual Environmental Awareness Training for your organization
- Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) request forms for any disturbance of building materials or ground disturbance. A REC request form must accompany all Work Orders.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact ENV at 751-5971/6629.

Did You Know...?

You can recycle your used cooking oil/grease. Collection tanks for used cooking oil/grease can be found throughout FJ, including at the Recycling Center. If you have a cooking oil tank in your area:

1. Check liquid level to prevent overfilling.
2. Keep lids and valves closed.
3. Inspect tanks and containers monthly for leaks or damage.
4. Do not stack trash around the tank.

If you have a spill, contain the flow and prevent it from reaching a body of water or a storm drain (storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams). Clean up the spill immediately and contact ENV at 751-4231. If the spill is greater than 5 gallons, you must notify the Fire Department at 751-9111.



External Environmental Audit Results

On 26 February 2018, Army Environmental Command (AEC) sent a team of Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) assessors to Fort Jackson to evaluate the installation's environmental compliance status. The Team spent 4 days reviewing records, interviewing employees at various organizations, and visually inspecting high risk activities. The assessment not only identified areas of noncompliance, but also offered recommendations for corrective actions. The final report is forthcoming.

Common findings include:

1. Safety Data Sheets not readily available at work sites.
2. Hazardous material management program to include use of EESOH-MIS not fully implemented at the garrison level.
3. Hazardous waste containers not stored properly.
4. Cooking oil and POL spills not cleaned up immediately.
5. Containers of universal waste (used light bulbs and batteries) not properly labeled or dated.
6. Secondary containment for hazardous materials/wastes compromised or missing.
7. Solid wastes improperly managed or disposed.
8. Open dump sites found.

Please check your areas to ensure these types of violations are not present. If you need help correcting environmental deficiencies, please contact Christy Pollock, ENV, at 751-6629.