

Environmental Management System

Environmental Management Systems systematically integrate environmental considerations into mission decisions and operations. By addressing environmental concerns at this stage, we can proactively avoid some of the missteps of the past and set the standard for the future.

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PLAN

Identify activities that may impact the environment, identify legal requirements, develop objectives and targets.

Examples: paper use, used toner cartridges, hazardous material (HM) use.

DO

Define responsibilities, identify training needs, establish communication and other processes, document procedures.

Examples: establish paper-free communication chain, write toner cartridge disposal SOP, request HM training.

Commanding Officer's Environmental Policy

ACT

Leadership reviews EMS performance, policies, priorities, and objectives and recommends improvements.

Examples: Dept. Head sets conservation goals, develop corrective actions to address findings, redistribute toner cartridge SOP.

CHECK

Monitor and measure environmental impacts. Perform audits, and evaluate compliance.

Examples: track paper use, survey of toner cartridge disposal SOP awareness, conduct HM inventory and inspection.

What is EMS?

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a structured management approach designed to meet an organization's environmental goals. The EMS encompasses policies, processes, operational controls, and management plans designed to minimize negative impacts on the environment. A successful EMS ensures compliance with environmental laws and regulations while minimizing environmental impacts at all levels of the organization.

What are the goals of our EMS?

The installation Commanding Officer issues an Environmental Policy that sets the overarching goals for the EMS. This policy, and all objectives that are defined to help meet it, applies to the entire installation, including tenant commands. Objectives are selected based on potential environmental impact, frequency of the action, and the opportunity for management actions to minimize risk.

What is our #1 objective?

To increase control and efficiency of Hazardous Material (HM) management.

Why Plan-Do-Check-Act?

The DoD uses the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 as a guide for creation and implementation of facility-specific EMS. ISO 14001 is based on the *Plan-Do-Check-Act* process, illustrated on the previous page. Note that the installation Commanding Officer defines the Environmental Policy around which the rest of the program is built.

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Naval Support Activity Monterey Environmental Policy

Naval Support Activity Monterey and our tenants recognize environmental excellence as a principal factor in successful mission accomplishment. To meet this standard, we have established a goal of protecting, preserving, and conserving our environment through active stewardship and advocacy for our natural resources. To accomplish our goal, we collectively commit to prevention of pollution and compliance with all environmental laws and regulations through an aggressive Environmental Management System and a process of continual improvement.

Environmental stewardship is an integral part of productivity and providing quality service. In recognition of this responsibility to installation staff, tenants, students, contractors, and neighbors, we commit to:

- Conserving natural resources by reducing, reusing, and recycling materials; and purchasing products made from recycled materials;
- Ensuring the responsible use of energy and water, including conservation;
- Integrating environmental values into planning, decision-making, and business practices throughout NSA Monterey;
- Striving to identify and implement pollution prevention opportunities and share technologies, knowledge and methods;
- Continuing to address the installation significant environmental aspect of Hazardous Material Life-cycle Management, Control, and Security;
- Conducting routine management reviews to assess our progress towards our environmental goals;
- Being an environmentally responsible neighbor to ensure protection of the environment and public health and safety;
- Ensuring this policy is communicated to all personnel and contractors to convey their roles and responsibilities as stewards of the environment.

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