

EMS BASICS

Why Environmental Management Systems (EMS)?

Why EMS works for The Army by

- Supporting The Army Transformation
- Ensuring The viability of training areas
- Promoting sustainable operations
- Supporting long-term stewardship
- Reducing overall costs

Required by Executive Order 13148. "Greening The Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management"

"By December 31, 2005, each agency shall implement an environmental management system at all appropriate agency facilities..."

What are The basic parts?

There are five basic parts to an EMS:

1. Environmental Policy
2. Planning
3. Implementation and Operation
4. Checking and Corrective Action
5. Management Review

What is The Army's current status?

Mature environmental programs

Strong commitment to compliance/stewardship

Many EMS elements in place but-

- Not a system
- Not all installations have Them
- Not interoperable across organizations
- Not externally recognizable
- Not mission-focused



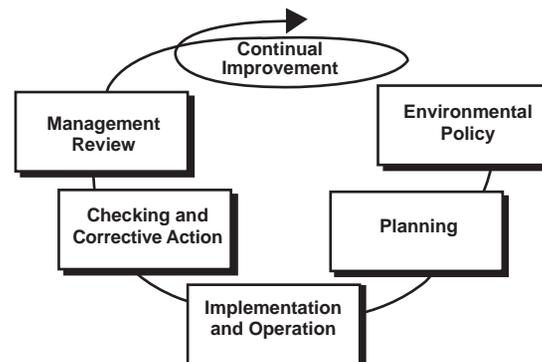
Army Mission-Focused EMS



ARMY EMS

Why mission-focused?

- Turns a legal mandate into a tool to support mission accomplishment
- Makes environmental excellence a tool for mission planning and execution
- Links required environmental actions and funding mission execution
- Aims for improved overall performance



ISO 14001 EMS

Why adopt ISO 14001?

- Global standard for The Army's global mission
- Clearly defines what is needed
- Cheaper and faster to implement
- Common structure aids interoperability
- Externally recognizable
- Moves The Army to industry best practices