For more information about the Army strategy for the environment, see:

http://www.sustainability.army.mil

## Consequences of Non-Conformance with EMS

- Failing too comply with legal and regulatory environmental requirements can result in enforcement action from federal and state regulators.
- Expenditures of unprogrammed funds to correct environmental faults.
- Disciplinary actions.
- Adverse mission impacts and reduction of mission requirements.
- Restrictions on installation training, operations and development.

Fort Drum EMS supports the Department of the Army's strategy for the environment: **"Sustain the Mission—Secure the Future."** Fort Drum's EMS serves as the foundation for integrating sustainability into all activities to improve compliance and conserve the environment. By becoming true environmental stewards we reduce our impacts on the environment, reduce the cost of doing business, improve the quality of life for Soldiers and our communities, and sustain the Army's Mission.


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# Army Environmental Management Systems

Fort Drum Environmental Management System training is located on-line at:

https://portal.drum.army.mil/SiteDirectory/DPW/environmental/default.aspx

EMS Awareness Training is required by Executive Order 13423. This training is mandatory for all Directorates, Tenants, Division personnel and contractors working on behalf of the government whose operations can impact the environment. Supervisors and contractors should ensure that all personnel review the training and keep a record that it was accomplished.

## Army Environmental Management System (EMS)

### What is an EMS?

- EMS integrates environmental stewardship into the overall management of an Army installation and provides a structure for achieving the installation's environmental goals.
- EMS addresses the installation's organizational structure, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes and resources as they relate to the environment.
- 4-step model– Plan, Do, Check, Act
- Promotes the Army's commitment to excellence and leadership that results in:
  - Sustaining the Mission
  - Preventing Pollution
  - Complying with Regulations
  - Self Assessment and Improvement
  - Being a Responsible neighbor
  - Forming Partnerships

### What are the benefits of EMS?

EMS makes systematic management of environmental activities an enhancement tool for mission performance and accomplishment by:

- Aligning mission and environmental goals
- Prioritizing limited resources around mitigating risks to mission
- Prioritizing program resources around risks that impact the sustainability of the installation
- Facilitating communication with stakeholders outside the fence line and building stronger relationships with the community and regulators

## Environmental Stewardship & Fort Drum EMS

Environmental stewardship is the careful and responsible management of our natural resources and the environment. Stewardship is the responsibility of all individuals to ensure that the Earth's resources are sustainably managed for our own quality of life and for future generations. Fort Drum EMS ensures that these principals are incorporated into an installation wide plan for all actions.

## Environmental Policy

A main component of the Fort Drum Environmental Management System (EMS) is to allow for sustainable development and training while protecting the natural and human environment. EMS provides the framework that includes establishing and creating innovative solutions for the present while looking to the future.

This installation is committed to the following:

- Complying with all applicable environmental policies, laws, and regulations.
- Continually assess environmental impacts of all actions and ensure that they are considered in environmental program objectives.
- Promote environmental awareness through training and publicity.
- Prevent pollution at the source and identify, research, and implement pollution opportunities to reduce waste.
- Integrate environmental considerations with training and mission requirements so that environmental awareness and compliance are complementary to mission success.
- To continually improve the Environmental Management System.