

FORT SILL QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is intended to help clarify or simplify federal and state environmental policies (tens of thousands of pages) for those concerned with environmental regulations that impact day to day operations locally and how do we make the quantum leap from those agencies to installation or troop levels.

Environmental Regulations

United States Environmental policy is driven by many governmental agencies starting with Executive Orders, EPA is addressed by Title 40CFR, OSHA is covered by Title 29CFR, Transportation rules will be found in Title 49CFR, while DOD provides environmental rules by Directives,

Instructions, and Publications. Yet the State of Oklahoma also is authorized to add Oklahoma specific regulation to the mix.

How then do commanders/leaders who are responsible for maintaining the standard, gain enough understanding of such a huge catalog of policy that their soldiers/ personnel don't inadvertently create or neglect to correct an environmental violation?

1. The U.S. Army has always provided information for conducting business on Army installations in the form of Army Regulation. How the Army wants its personnel to address environmental issues is

provided in detail within AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.

2. ATP 3-34.5, Environmental Considerations will provide commanders/ leaders very specific guidance on topics such as what an Environmental Officer's responsibilities are, duties for Commanders, CSM/1SG, XOs, S3s, S4s, Motor Officers/SGTs, and many other positions. If you need help drafting an



SOP or need help wording appointment orders this publication can help. If you want to train your soldiers how to read a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), you have a source that is only a click away.

3. TC 3-34.489, The Soldier and the Environment helps a leader understand the Army Environmental Vision, Ethic, and Strategy. It also provides guidance on vehicle maintenance, refueling, maneuver damage, as well as addressing environmental laws.

4. Additional publications that personnel should be familiar with are Fort Sill's Hazardous Materials and



Waste Management Plan and TM 38-410, Storage and Handling of Hazardous Materials. The Ft. Sill plan is updated yearly, but the TM also has relevant information that all soldiers should be aware of. Improperly stored hazardous materials can inadvertently be turned into hazardous waste resulting in an organization to have to pay for disposal costs.

5. For those units deploying the Army has also provided TM 3-34.56.



While the above listed publications are by no way a complete list of U.S. Army publications addressing environmental policy, those listed will provide a leader with enough information to understand what wrong looks like.

When trying to understand environmental policy it is important to be aware that many government agencies up and including The President has written policy that can have an impact on many of Ft. Sill's daily activities.

For further information about compliance with environmental laws / regulations please contact Environmental Quality Division, DPW, 580-442-3266.



Knowledge is an Important Tool in Environmental Protection