

Environmental Policy Statement Revised
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Fort Meade is a federal campus providing world class services to more than 78 partner organizations. Fort Meade's mission is to provide base operations support for facilities and infrastructure, quality of life and protective services in support of Department of Defense and other federal agency activities.

At Fort Meade, we realize that safety, health and environmental protection are essential to the execution of our mission. Accordingly, we commit to:

- Maintain compliance with all applicable requirements applicable to our operations.
- Identify potential sources of pollution and meet or exceed the Army's goal for Pollution Prevention.
- Assess the current and future effect of our operations on the natural and human environment, taking into account Life Cycle Planning.
- Set objectives to avoid or minimize the adverse impacts on the environment that result from Fort Meade's operating activities; and promote health & safety.
- Implement and monitor programs to achieve established environmental goals, objectives and targets.
- Actively pursue continual improvement in our Environmental Management System to move towards a sustainable Fort Meade.

Our Policy will be communicated to all employees, partner organizations and made available to the public. The document will be posted on all official bulletin boards, Fort Meade's website www.ftmeade.army.mil and Fort Meade's dedicated EMS website www.fortmeade-ems.org

Colonel Kenneth O. McCreedy, Commander

Fort Meade's EMS Objectives

- Reduce Water Usage
- Reduce Electricity Usage
- Reduce Solid Waste Generation Through Increased Recycling
- Increase Environmentally Preferred Purchases

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www.fortmeade-ems.org

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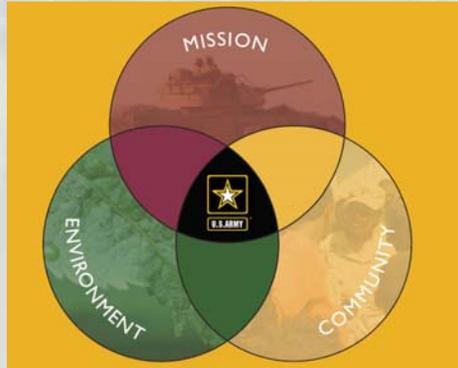
Working Together Through
Continuous Improvement
Toward A Sustainable
Fort Meade Campus



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The Army Strategy (Oct. 2004) for the Environment is designed to strengthen the Army today and into the future. It establishes the long-range vision for a sustainable Army, and the goals upon which the vision is based.



This strategy transitions the Army's compliance-based environmental program to a mission-oriented approach based on the principles of sustainability.

The term "sustainability" may have different meanings in different contexts. For the purposes of this strategy, a sustainable Army simultaneously meets current as well as future mission requirements world-wide, safeguards human health, and improves quality of life, and enhances the natural environment.

"We must strive to become systems thinkers if we are to benefit from interrelationships of the triple bottom line of sustainability: mission, environment, and community."

*- R.L. Brownlee, Acting Secretary of the Army
- Peter J. Schoomaker, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff*

A SUSTAINABLE FORT MEADE STARTS WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS)

EMS means actively managing continual improvement with an overall goal of minimizing significant mission and environmental impacts.

Sound environmental management enables maximum use of training lands and facilities to train soldiers, reduces potential environmental impacts, and maximizes efficient use of Ft. Meade resources.

THREE THINGS EVERY SOLDIER, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE, COMMUNITY MEMBER AND SUPPORT CONTRACTOR OF FT. MEADE MUST KNOW:

1. Know that EMS is the Management System we use to implement the Commander's Environmental Policy.
 - Commitment to comply with environmental laws and regulations applicable to our operations
 - Commitment to prevent pollution
 - Commitment to continual improvement
2. Know the basic contents of the Policy Letter (Refer to the policy on the back page or in your work area)
3. Know the Environmental IMPACTS of your job.
 - Know the possible causes of environmental impacts from the activities you perform and manage your activities using proper procedures
 - If you have been designated to perform an activity that could result in a significant environmental impact, you must know how to properly manage that activity.



From saving energy, water and paper to properly handling

hazardous waste, everyone has a role that secures the future.



EVERYONE PLAYS A ROLE AND HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EMS TO SUSTAIN THE MISSION AT FORT MEADE