

FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: Environmental Compliance program for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Operating Projects, Laboratories and Facilities

1. Purpose. To provide information on the environmental compliance program at USACE operating facilities.
2. Facts.
 - a. USACE operated facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations as well as Army environmental policies and regulations.
 - b. In 1991, Headquarters established an environmental compliance program and a network of Environmental Compliance Coordinators (ECCs) to assure that all USACE facilities meet relevant environmental standards. Environmental compliance is solidly integrated into the day-to-day operation of USACE facilities.
 - c. USACE is consistent with DoD and DA environmental compliance policy and guidance and with active Army applications. USACE organizations use environmental compliance assessments and environmentally sensitive day-to-day operations as a means of attaining, sustaining, and monitoring compliance. USACE shares costs of preparing Federal and State assessment manuals through a partnership with Active Army, Navy, Air Force, and other DoD components.
 - d. The compliance program requires annual assessments of each facility. Two types of assessments are conducted, external and internal. External assessments are conducted on a five-year cycle. Internal teams perform four assessments, and every five years an external assessment is conducted using district teams, contractors, or regulatory agencies.
 - e. Operations Managers are responsible and accountable for compliance, including the funding of deficiency corrections within their jurisdiction. Environmental compliance data is maintained in the Operations and Maintenance Business Information Link system. The environmental compliance performance measure is based on the rate of correction for compliance deficiencies.
3. USACE compliance status has advanced considerably since the environmental compliance program was established and a network of ECCs created. Now into the third five-year assessment cycle, environmental compliance is receiving high marks from regulators. Environmental considerations are a normal part of daily operations. There are no USACE sites on the National Priorities List (Superfund).

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