



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IPM

CARLISLE BARRACKS WINS STAR CERTIFICATION



On June 2, 2005, the Carlisle Barracks Moore Child Development Center (CDC) was presented with the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Institute of North America's STAR Certification, an honor culminating more than 20 years of Army efforts to integrate sound pest management policies and practices at its installations.

The IPM Institute of North America is an independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-sponsored organization of IPM professionals. Its STAR Certification serves as a national standard for effectiveness and reduced risk. In March 2005, the Moore CDC was evaluated and exceeded the criteria for the certification, and as a result, became the first child care facility in the nation to do so. The EPA's Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Susan B. Hazen, presented the award certification at a ceremony at Carlisle Barracks and recognized the CDC as the environmental standard bearer for child care centers around the country.

Serving 134 children, the Moore CDC employs a common-sense Army pest management program called IPM in CDCs and Schools. The program is geared to lower the risk of chemical pesticide exposure to school-age and pre-school age children. It deploys a coordinated array of means to deal with unwanted species, from natural predators to traps to chemicals and aims to reduce childhood injuries from pest species such as cockroaches, ants, bees, wasps, birds, animals and poisonous plants, and limit damage to buildings and grounds.

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Overall, IPM practices are designed to reduce property damage and human disease caused by pest species in ways that minimize the risks of pesticides in the environment. It incorporates the Defense Department's IPM principles, including planning and professional oversight, high training

standards, record keeping and reporting, and “pesticide lite” application strategies, that serve as its foundation. The least toxic pesticides are applied only when necessary and at times when children are not directly exposed.

Program partners include the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC), the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency and the Office of the Director for Environmental Programs. The DoD Education Activity, which operates more than 220 schools worldwide, and the Army Community Family Support Center, which operates 152 CDCs at installations worldwide, worked with the diverse team to develop the initiative.

