

Guidance DOCUMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (ESOH) COMPLIANCE GUIDE FOR ARMY WEAPON SYSTEMS

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Army Environmental Center has initiated development of the *Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH) Compliance Guide for Army Weapon Systems*. The guide is being prepared for Army Program Offices and their environmental support personnel to assist them in maintaining program ESOH compliance throughout the life of each system.

PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The document will contain guidance and typical approaches to acquisition ESOH compliance for several key categories of Army weapons systems: aircraft systems, electronic / automated software systems, missile systems, ordnance systems, and surface vehicle systems. Structured around the six (6) ESOH technical and management disciplines specified in Department of Defense (DoD) Regulation 5000.2-R (i.e., ESOH Compliance, National Environmental Policy Act, Safety and Health, Hazardous Materials Management, Pollution Prevention, and Explosives Safety), the guide will focus on identifying the most common Army, DoD, and other federal rules and regulatory requirements, as they apply to each weapon system category and life-cycle phase. Checklists on typical ESOH activity/documentation requirements will also be provided.

The guide is intended to provide information that will help clarify ESOH compliance for Program/Project/Product Managers in carrying out their responsibilities to consider ESOH requirements and issues early in the design process, and throughout the program life cycle. The guide will be divided into four key chapters as follows:

- Introduction
- Weapon System Categories and Related ESOH Issues
- Addressing ESOH Requirements by Life-Cycle Phase
- Resources Available to Program Offices



AVAILABILITY

Current plans are to complete preparation of the guide early in CY 2002. Following its completion, it is expected the guide will be made available on the Army Environmental Center web site and in the Defense Acquisition Deskbook (Reference Library/Army Documents/Discretionary Documents).



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