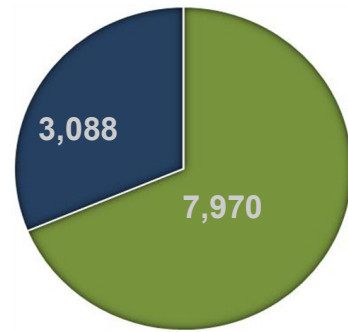


STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY SUPPORT

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PROPOSALS REVIEWED—FY13



● Regulations ● Legislation

REEOs monitor proposed state environmental and energy laws and regulations for positive or negative impacts to installation missions. When legislation or a regulation important to the Army or DOD is being developed, REEOs work with the other Services to offer language to support or oppose the matter. The REEOs' close cooperation between the military and regional policymakers helps to resolve issues before they become laws and regulations.

REGIONAL REVIEWS

Monthly regional *Reviews* are a unique resource, providing information that DOD/Army leaders and installation staff will find nowhere else. Covering every U.S. state and territory, *Reviews* give early notice of legislative and regulatory activities relevant to DOD interests. The information also helps installations meet ISO 14001 environmental management system requirements. The REEOs distributed more than 3,500 state legislative and regulatory *Reviews* each month in FY13.

SUSTAINING MILITARY READINESS

REEOs enable Army and DOD readiness and training through:

State Legislative and Regulatory Support

Monitoring and engaging on state legislative and regulatory activities

Mission Sustainment Support

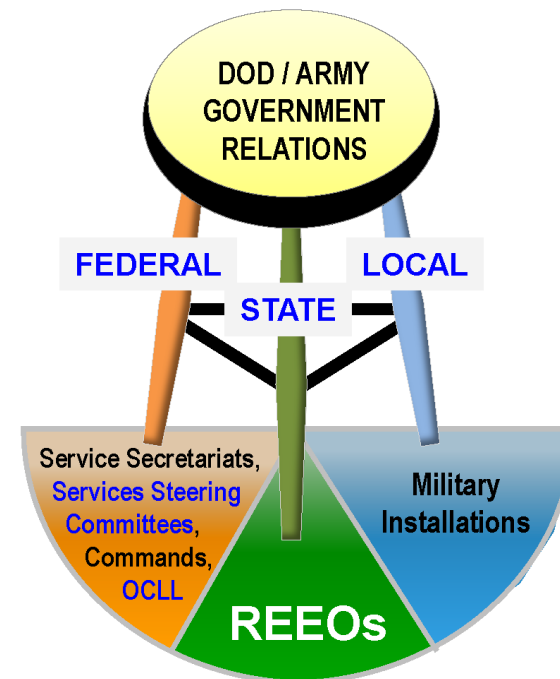
Coordinating and communicating Army/unified DOD positions, facilitating projects, and addressing issues that can affect military sustainment

Energy Program Support

Providing legal and technical expertise for Army's renewable energy, energy security, and Net Zero programs

Outreach and Partnerships

Developing cooperative partnerships and educating stakeholders on issues that support long-term sustainability of the military



Cover photos, clockwise from top left: Hew Wolfe, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, at left; and John Griffin, former Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources, at the signing of the Maryland-DOD Coastal Zone Management Act Memorandum of Understanding (U.S. Navy). Members of the REEO-C with (in front row from left) SGM Tracey Anbiya; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment; and Stephen Scanlon, DOD REC for Region 7 and REEO-C Director (ASA-IEE). California State Capitol ([daveynin](http://daveynin.com)). Soldiers of the Virginia National Guard conduct air assault training (Virginia National Guard).

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Army REEO Mission: To fulfill responsibilities as DOD Regional Environmental Coordinators (RECs), engage with state legislators, Federal and state regulators, and nongovernmental organizations, on behalf of the DOD and the Army to enable the conduct of activities on our installations required to build readiness to execute the Army's global mission. Conduct strategic communications for the purpose of promoting greater understanding of the Army's commitment to sustainable practices and energy security.

SUSTAINING READINESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATES



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES (REEOs)

FISCAL YEAR 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

The REEOs helped the Army make wise use of available funds, eliminate unnecessary environmental requirements, and ensure compliance with new state environmental laws and rules.

- Testified in opposition to Kansas legislation that threatened viability of the DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration buffer program and \$8.4 million invested in buffers at Fort Riley.
- Facilitated resolution of Soil and Erosion Control permit deficiencies and processing delays at Fort Gordon, allowing approximately \$57 million of MILCON construction projects to move forward.
- Successfully intervened to amend a Kansas measure that would have prevented local governments from sharing services with military installations. Hundreds of thousands in annual cost savings were potentially at stake.
- Negotiated and staffed for approval the Maryland Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOU), resulting in annual compliance cost savings of approximately \$25,000. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration considers the MOU a model for other states.
- Facilitated decision by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to waive a \$5,500 fee for emergency explosive ordnance disposal permits at Picatinny Arsenal. Discussions with other regulators resulted in fees and fines being waived at other installations.
- Selected as a Legislative Fellow in the Maryland House of Delegates during the 2013 legislative session, an Army REC returned with valuable lessons learned that were shared with other Army and DOD RECs.



REEO Legislative Fellow Amy Alton and Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley (Amy Alton)

MISSION SUSTAINMENT

REEOs helped to protect military training and testing operations by working with state legislators and rule writers to ensure unique military needs will continue to be met in a sustainable way.

- Engaged the Nevada Bureau of Land Management to prepare a MOU between DOD and the Department of Interior, enabling military training while ensuring protection of the Greater sage-grouse, a species with diminishing habitat.
- Defused potential political escalation of Army Reserve soil and groundwater contamination concerns in Albany with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, city, and state officials.
- Helped secure a depleted uranium license, allowing training to continue with minimal limitations at Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, while ensuring safety of soldiers and range personnel.
- Worked with Texas Council on Environmental Quality to find a permanent solution to avoid water-related training restrictions at Fort Hood.



Hawaii Army National Guard Soldiers conduct pre-mobilization training at Schofield Barracks (Sgt. Brendan Mackie, DVIDS)

SUSTAINING READINESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATES



ENERGY

REEOs supported the President's renewable energy goals by working with the Army Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF) and DOD to achieve energy security. REEOs helped identify opportunities and remove roadblocks to renewable energy generation on military installations.

- Provided legal expertise and outreach support to EITF to address issues affecting projects, including how the Army could make installation land available to potential developers at Forts Detrick, Drum, Belvoir, Lee, Meade, Redstone Arsenal, and others.
- Assisted EITF and Georgia Power on development of more than 100 MW of new renewable energy generation at Forts Benning, Stewart, and Gordon.
- Led Army effort to comment on, modify, and support California bills that would enhance the ability of Army installations in the state to use distributed energy facilities to meet Army renewable energy goals.
- Supported Michigan National Guard efforts to develop a Net Zero energy program at Camp Grayling and Minnesota National Guard renewable energy efforts at Camp Ripley.
- Submitted language to a New Mexico proposed rule that assists the military in developing cost-effective renewable energy projects on installations.
- Co-wrote renewable energy legislation introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly known as "Utilities/ The Military Good Neighbor Act."



Solar panels at Joliet, IL, Army Reserve Training Center (Cpl. Scott Olijar, DVIDS)

OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

REEOs continued to advocate for mission readiness by maintaining partnerships with federal agencies, EPA regions, state regulatory agencies, legislatures, Tribes, and nongovernmental organizations.

- Presented the first-ever orientation on REEOs and Intergovernmental Relations to students in the Garrison Leaders Course.
- Organized and participated on the panel of speakers for a webinar hosted by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to educate lawmakers on benefits of public-public partnerships between military installations and nearby communities.
- Coordinated with USACE to speak at a Council of State Governments webinar on the Clean Water Act, Supreme Court cases, and potential state implications.
- Discussed regulatory issues important to the military with state regulatory agency commissioners and senior leaders of the Environmental Council of the States, initiating follow-on partnership discussions in several states.
- Met with leaders of the Western Governors Association, sharing common energy, water, and wildlife initiatives.
- Hosted meeting of the Southeast Natural Resources Leaders Group at Fort Benning for 13 federal agency leaders, demonstrating environmental successes and challenges.
- Served on the Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri executive committee, working with state and federal agencies to develop cost-effective environmental policy.

REEOs published DOD-State brochures in 2013 that demonstrate DOD's economic impact in the states. REEOs offer the brochures to state legislators, regulators and federal agencies.