



# MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT

## Environmental Awareness

### Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point Commanding Officer's Statement on Environmental Policy

*"MCAS Cherry Point will sustain and enhance mission readiness through compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, prevention of pollution, and continual improvement of the environmental management system."*

Please post a copy of the CO's Environmental Policy on your unit/work center bulletin board.

### Units/Tenants aboard Marine Corps Installations Commanding Officer Responsibilities (MCO 5090.2 Implementing Instruction dated 11 Jun 18)

- Ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local, DoD, DON, and USMC environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.
- Appoint in writing a Unit Environmental Compliance Coordinator to ensure unit environmental training & coordinate with installation environmental staff.
- Notify installation environmental staff of any unit activities that have environmental requirements, issues, or concerns.

### Your Environmental Responsibilities

(MCO 5090.2 Implementing Instruction dated 11 Jun 18)

- Comply with all applicable federal, state/local, DoD, DON and USMC environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.
- Maintain general awareness of all applicable Marine Corps environmental policies and goals. Participate in training to understand applicable requirements.
- Integrate environmentally safe and compliant procedures into all daily operational practices to minimize risk of adverse health, environmental and mission impacts.
- Know who is assigned as the unit's ECC and attend unit/installation-specific environmental training.
- Promptly elevate and report environmental issues and concerns to the appropriate authority.

### Environmental Management System (EMS) (MCO 5090.2 Volume 2)

- Enables environmental compliance and protection while sustaining resources essential to combat training and readiness.
- Assesses environmental risk of practices and activities.
- Develops standard operating procedures to mitigate environmental risk.
- All units and tenants must participate in installation EMS or implement their own.

### Spill Response (AirStaO 5090.7)

- Be safe! Evacuate; Contain spill if safe to do so.
- Report all spills that release to the environment any hazardous substance (including fuel, oil, fat, grease).

### Report spills to the Air Station Fire Department

**Dial 911 or 466-3333**

Flight Line Areas report to Crash Fire Rescue

**MCAS Cherry Point: 466-2420**

**MCALF Bogue: 466-0662**

**Note:** *Dialing 911 on a cell phone may connect you to an off-station emergency operator; be prepared to identify your location and request transfer to Cherry Point emergency services.*

- Additional AirStaO 5090.7 requirements:
  - Submit follow up spill report forms to the EAD.
  - Units must maintain adequate spill cleanup materials on hand.
  - Portable equipment (i.e. generators) must have secondary containment.
  - Any individual causing or discovering an OHS spill, or a situation that may lead to a spill, must take immediate action.
  - Report all spills, regardless of quantity or location; the responder will determine the level of response required based on the information provided.



## Environmental Planning and Review (AirStaO 5090.11)

- All actions must be reviewed for environmental impacts or consequences.  
*Includes training exercises, construction activities, fielding of new equipment/weapons systems, land use changes, etc.*
- Many activities/actions eligible for abbreviated review.
- Contact the EAD for guidance.

## Waste Management (MCO 5090.2 Volumes 9 & 17)

- Place only trash in trash dumpsters.
- No toxic materials, hazardous waste, recyclable items (i.e. cardboard), paint, petroleum, wood, metal, fluorescent lamps, batteries (excepting alkaline), liquids.
- Close dumpster lids and doors to keep varmints and rain out.

## Water Quality Management (MCO 5090.2 Volume 20)

- All drains lead to the Neuse River.
  - Do not dump chemicals, petroleum, medications/pharmaceuticals, or grease in sewers (including sinks, drains, toilets, etc.).
  - Do not dump oil in oil/water separators; they are not designed for oil collection & will not remove it!
  - Do not dump **anything** in storm drains or ditches - only storm water goes in storm drains.
- Police your outdoor work areas; remove any trash or debris that might wash away during a rain storm.
- Wash or maintain equipment/vehicles (including privately owned vehicles) only in approved areas.

## All waste has a place!

*If you don't know what to do with it, please contact your unit Environmental Compliance Coordinator or the Environmental Affairs Department.*

## Recycling Opportunities - Contact EAD

- MCAS Cherry Point recycles metal, cardboard, paper, glass, and recyclable plastics.
- Material Recovery Facility.
  - Building 4638 Access Road
  - Paper & cardboard; plastic, glass, steel & aluminum cans/containers.
- Qualified Recycling Program (QRP)
  - Will advise/assist with scrap metals & fired brass.
- White Paper/PII (bins distributed in office spaces).
- Small Rechargeable Batteries
- Printer toner cartridges
  - ServMart or return to manufacturer.
- Fluorescent lamps - Building 149 **Do NOT Break!**
- Cardboard trailers/dumpsters.
  - Various locations including Mockingbird Hill

**EAD can provide recycle containers for your unit/section beverage container recycling program.**

## Hazardous Material Control

- Cross-functional program to reduce amounts of hazardous materials used and hazardous waste generated through life-cycle control and management of hazardous materials.
- Supports legal requirements to report hazardous material storage/use and hazardous air pollutant emissions.
- Utilizes yellow and green stickers to track hazardous materials.
- **If your hazardous materials do not have tracking stickers, contact EAD.**

