

The Flying Green is designed to help keep you informed on what is happening in the Environmental world at Fort Rucker. Please send comments or questions to <u>melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@mail.mil</u>.



### Updated USAACE Forms for Environmental

- USAACE Form 2711 (2Dec20)

- USAACE Form 2713 (6Jan21)

Verify the latest version online at www.fortrucker-env.com. Previous editions are obsolete.

# Internal EPAAS to Return in FY21

Due to COVID-19 the installation-wide Internal EPAAS scheduled for FY20 had to be cancelled. The next internal EPAAS will take place during FY21. Notifications will be published when the date has been set. Please contact Melissa Lowlavar (melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@mail.mil) with any questions.

#### **BE ON THE LOOK OUT!**

Updated Environmental Plans, Work Instructions, and USAACE Forms are coming in 2021.

Be sure to review these and determine if any changes are applicable to you.

#### Environmental Compliance Training

Fort Rucker Environmental Compliance training scheduled for January 2021 will be provided virtually through means of PowerPoint presentation(s). Please be sure to sign up for required training on the Sustainable Fort Rucker Website (<u>www.fortrucker-env.com</u>) prior to **15 January 2021**. Registered personnel will receive training material and exam(s) at the email address provided during registration. Please contact Melissa Lowlavar (melissa.g.lowlavar3.civ@mail.mil) if you have any questions.

Additionally, the March 2021 Defense Hazardous Materials/Waste Handling training will be scheduled on the following date:

Date	Course Description
09 MAR 2021	DEFENSE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/
	WASTE (REFRESHER)

Please be sure to sign up on the Sustainable Fort Rucker Website (<u>www.fortrucker-env.com</u>) prior to 16 February 2021. The course will be a self-paced review with slides and an End of Course Evaluation form. Slides will be provided by 1 March 2021 for your review, and evaluation form must be completed and returned to Amanda Hickerson (amanda.l.hickerson.civ@mail.mil) by 8 March 2021.



## What Can I Do To Lower My Environmental Footprint?

- Recycle used materials Plant a tree
- Use less hot water
- Use the "off" switch
- Change light bulbs
- Give a hoot, don't pollute



"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." -Robert Swan

Remember to check the Sustainable Fort Rucker website for more information! https://www.fortrucker-env.com



The Compliance Corner is focusing on the **Fort Rucker Auditing and Compliance Program** this quarter. Let us know if you would like information about a particular topic, and we will include it in the next Flying Green article.

### **How is your Environmental Compliance?**

Compliance Inspections and Audits are tools used to assess how well we are meeting all of our environmental requirements. We have both internal and external methods which assess our compliance. Although these inspections may reveal violations, they are tools for improving and for facilitating corrective action. In the case of internal inspections or audits, any vulnerabilities or inspections can be caught and fixed before state or federal regulators find these vulnerable areas and bring enforcement action or monetary penalties against an installation.

With the times we are facing now, it is imperative that we stay vigilant and remain aware of our surroundings for Environmental Compliance! Below are the common areas of discrepancies usually observed during internal inspections.

#### Take A Look At Your Areas And Tell Us How You Are Doing!!

Utilize USAACE Form 2717 to guide you through your internal compliance inspection. The latest version can be found at <u>www.fortrucker-env.com</u>

- 1. Are you utilizing the correct USAACE Forms? USAACE Form 2711 was updated 2Dec2020. Previous editions are obsolete! Verify the latest versions on www.fortrucker-env.com
- 2. Are your Used Oil containers clean, closed, and labeled correctly?
- 3. Are your respective **personnel trained** properly? Remember TRAINING is this MONTH! Do not miss it!
- 4. Are your **Hazardous Waste** containers labeled correctly? i.e. The words "Hazardous Waste", Contents, Waste Codes, and the Hazards. You can find this information listed in the **Waste Profile Log.** Contact Amanda Hickerson (amanda.l.hickerson.civ@mail.mil) if you need this information.
- 5. Are you handling **"used batteries"** correctly? Refer to Work Instruction *ENV-SW002* for proper handling.

If there are any questions regarding the Auditing and Compliance Program please contact Allison Marshall at (334) 255-1657 or allison.t.marshall.civ@mail.mil.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IQ**

LAST QUESTION: What is the United States' share of world energy consumption?

ANSWER: In 2017, U.S. total primary energy consumption was about 98 quadrillion British thermal units (Btu), which was about 17% of total world primary energy consumption of about 582 quadrillion Btu.

NEW QUESTION: By planting one tree, how much oxygen is produced?