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The Flying Green is designed to help keep you informed on what is happening in the Environmental world at Fort Novosel. Please send comments or questions to <a href="mailto:julie.p.majors.civ@army.mil">julie.p.majors.civ@army.mil</a>.

## **Update of Environmental Program Managers**

Fort Novosel's Environmental Branch has made some updates to program management assignments due to recent personnel changes. All existing program areas remain the same; however, a few staff members have taken on additional responsibilities to ensure full coverage and continued support across the branch. These updates help maintain Environmental's effectiveness during this period of transition. The Environmental Branch remains committed to supporting the installation's mission while upholding high standards of environmental stewardship. See the chart below for specific details.

| Program Areas   | POC Name         |
|---|------------------|
| Chief, Environmental Branch / Restoration / PFAS Site Investigation                 | Julie Majors     |
| Air Quality   | Troy Dunn        |
| Asbestos / Lead-Based Paint / SPCC / Spill Response                                 | Samuel Lynon     |
| Compliance Inspections / Drinking Water / Stormwater/Wastewater                     | Allison Marshall |
| Cultural Resources / NEPA / Pest Management / Recycling / Scrap Tires / Solid Waste | Brent Waters     |
| Hazardous Waste / Hazardous Materials   | Travis Farmer    |

### FY25Q4 Environmental Compliance Training

| Date        | Time      | Course Description    |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 22 JUL 2025 | 0800-1000 | SPCC Plan             |
| 22 JUL 2025 | 1300-1500 | HWSAA Manager         |
| 23 JUL 2025 | 0800-1600 | Environmental Officer |
| 24 JUL 2025 | 0800-1000 | 90-Day HWCAA Manager  |
| 29 JUL 2025 | 1300-1500 | 90-Day HWCAA Manager  |
| 30 JUL 2025 | 0800-1600 | Environmental Officer |
| 31 JUL 2025 | 0800-1000 | HWSAA Manager         |
| 31 JUL 2025 | 1300-1500 | SPCC Plan             |

Fort Novosel's Environmental Compliance training scheduled for July 2025 is listed in the table to the left. Please be sure to sign up for required training on the environmental website (www.fortnovosel-env.com).

Be on the lookout for FY2026 training schedule that will be posted on the website by the end of July.



"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." -John Muir

# Compliance Corner



The Compliance Corner is focusing on **Wildlife** 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.

### **Snakes on the Move: Stay Alert as Temperatures Rise**

As the weather warms up, so does snake activity across the installation. With more personnel training, working, and recreation outdoors, it's important to stay aware of your surroundings to avoid unwanted encounters.

Snakes are a common part of the natural environment on and around military installations. While most are non-venomous and pose no threat when left alone, some species native to the area can be dangerous if provoked. Whether you're in the field, near motor pools, or enjoying downtime at a park or trail, knowing how to spot and avoid snakes is key to staying safe.

#### **Snake Safety Tips for the Installation:**

- Be alert and scan the ground. Always look before stepping over logs, rocks, or into thick vegetation.
- Wear proper gear. Boots and long pants provide added protection, especially while in the field or during outdoor work.
- Check before reaching. Don't blindly reach into equipment storage, woodpiles, or under vehicles.
- Keep common areas tidy. Limiting debris and overgrowth reduces hiding spots for snakes.
- Educate your team. Make sure Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members know how to identify common local snakes, especially venomous ones like copperheads, rattlesnakes, or cottonmouths (species vary by region).

Venomous Snakes of Alabama





Fort Novosel is transitioning back to Fort Rucker. Be on the lookout for changing Environmental documents, website and more!

**ENVIRONMENTAL IQ** 

LAST QUESTION: What are the three "Rs" of waste management?

ANSWER: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

NEW QUESTION: What year was the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) signed into law, marking the beginning of modern environmental awareness in the United States?