



Environmental Compliance Assessment Manuals for Overseas Installations

Technology

The U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force use compliance assessment manuals in maintaining compliance with environmental, safety, and occupational health laws and regulations at military installations overseas. These manuals contain information critical to conducting the Army's Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) Program and the Air Force's Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ESOH CAMP) overseas.

These broadly applicable compliance manuals are the result of efforts by several agencies: the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC), Headquarters, Air Force Center for Engineering and Environment (HQ AFCEE), and Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces, Europe (HQ USAFE). The manuals are designed for use by Department of Defense (DOD) agencies overseas. Outside continental United States (OCONUS) Compliance Assessment Protocols (OCAP) are based exclusively on the host nation's Final Governing Standards (FGS), where they exist. OCAP protocols have been developed based on the FGS for the Azores, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. The OCAP-Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD) may be used in those countries for which FGS have not yet been developed.

Individual supplements that address Air Force regulations and Army regulations that apply abroad are also readily available. In addition, a manual based on Major Command (MAJCOM) instructions and policies is available to personnel from installations attached to HQ USAFE.

Expected Cost To Implement

Environmental compliance assessment tools are available to registered DOD users free of charge through the Defense Environmental Network and Information eXchange (DENIX) web site at URL:

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/portal/page/portal/denix/environment/ComplianceTools>

and at FedCenter.gov:

<http://www.fedcenter.gov/programs/compliance/assessment/oconus/>

Benefits/Savings

Users benefit from timely and cost-effective access to the assessment tools they need to maintain compliance with environmental requirements at military installations overseas.

Status

A revised OEBGD manual was published 01 May 2007. Revisions to the OEBGD trigger revisions to the FGS based on it, and the FGS-based compliance assessment manuals are updated as the revised FGS become available.

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Distribution Source

Environmental compliance assessment tools are distributed to registered DOD users through the DENIX and FedCenter web sites.

Available Documentation

All primary and supporting documents are posted on DENIX and on FedCenter.gov and are available for use by the Army and Air Force (and other DOD components) in performing compliance assessments and daily operations.

Available Training

The DENIX calendar lists upcoming events such as training courses, seminars, and conferences through URL:

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/portal/page/portal/denix/conferences>

The FedCenter Events and Training calendars list upcoming events:

<http://www.fedcenter.gov/training/>

Questions, comments, and other typical “help” requests may be directed to Dr. Krooks at the e-mail address above.

Available Support

Online support can be contacted through either web site. Return messages are provided by e-mail or by telephone. Both sites contain registration and login help, and online contact information for new or prospective users.