

# EMS FAQ

**Q:** What is an environmental management system (EMS)?

**A:**

- An **EMS** identifies policies, procedures and **resources** for maintaining **effective** and **efficient** environmental management.
- It goes **beyond compliance**.
- It is forward looking, preventive and encourages **continual improvement**.

**Q:** Why do we have an EMS?

**A:**

- ✓ Required by **Executive Order** and DOD
- ✓ To **reduce risk** and liability
- ✓ To operate more **efficiently**
- ✓ To **sustain** resources
- ✓ To **reduce impacts** on the environment
- ✓ To sustain **our mission**
- ✓ To **promote** positive relationships with regulatory agencies

## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



The mission of the U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey (POM) is to provide first class infrastructure and services to support mission readiness and enhance the quality of life for the Monterey Military Community and their families. In accomplishing our mission, we commit to:

Comply with all applicable environmental policy, laws and regulations.

Continually assess POM activities and services to determine their effects on the environment. Identify the significant environmental impacts and ensure that they are considered when establishing objectives and targets in our environmental management programs.

Identify and address pollution prevention opportunities on POM to assist in meeting or exceeding Army goals for prevention of pollution.

Strive for fully integrating the relevant environmental requirements into our mission procedures and work practices so that environmental awareness and compliance are a routine part of the way we perform activities and services.

Actively implement the standards and seek opportunities to continually improve our EMS. Establish measures of performance to assist in assessing system effectiveness.

This policy applies to all POM members and active component units, agencies, activities, contractors working on POM, as well as off-post units/agencies utilizing POM facilities.

POM EMS AWARENESS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE AT:  
[HTTP://WWW.MONTEREY.ARMY.MIL/DPW/INC/EMS/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.MONTEREY.ARMY.MIL/DPW/INC/EMS/INDEX.HTML)

## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND YOU



**Understanding your role in the EMS at Presidio of Monterey**



30% recycled content

# OUR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

**1**

Meet requirements of EO 13423 and 13514. Improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emission through **reduction of energy intensity** by 3% annually through 2015 or 30% by 2015.



**3**

Increase efficiency of solid waste Management throughout POM and OMC. Divert at least 50% of non-hazardous solid waste, excluding Construction and Demolition debris, by fiscal year 2015.



**2**

Minimize paper consumption and increase the **recycle** content of purchased paper to meet EO 13423 and 13514 objectives.



**5**

Ensure optimal management of potential spill situations of hazardous material/ waste material at POM & OMC



**6**

Ensure optimal management of hazardous materials in accordance with EO 13423 and 13514.



# How CAN YOU HELP?

**A successful EMS requires everyone's cooperation, participation and input.**



Help us meet our environmental objectives.

Think about ways we can improve our EMS.

Communicate your ideas to the EMS Coordinator



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