

Operational Units in th

Operational Units Need and EMS Too

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Presenter Introduction

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 - ◆ Private Sector Experience
 - ◆ Army, Air Force, Navy EMS
 - ◆ EPA Performance Track



Discussion Topics

- What is an Operational Unit (OU)?
- Why should it be important to DOD?
- What an OU EMS should look like



Operational Unit

- Any military organization that resides at a Department of Defense (DOD) installation, but is independent from the operational command. This includes both civilian and military units.
- Installations support many operational units
 - ◆ Tenants (same service)
 - ◆ Tenants (different service)
 - ◆ Military Units (mission)
 - ◆ Civilian Support Organizations



DoD Components

- DoD Components “shall” adopt an environmental management system
 - ◆ Work to integrate...core business areas
 - ◆ Robust system
 - Sustain compliance
 - Avoid risk and pollution
 - Inform public
 - Promote interoperability among DoD components
 - “integral part of...missions, activities, and functions”



Installation Focus

- Navy
 - ◆ “...appropriate Navy shore installations and/or regional complexes shall implement an EMS...”
- Army
 - ◆ “... directing that Army installations adopt...ISO 14001...”
- Air Force
 - ◆ “...implement an ESOHMS at all appropriate facilities by...”
- Marine Corps
 - ◆ “An EMS...critical component of installation management.”



OUs Can Create Impacts

- Some OUs have innocuous operations
- Many are just like a supplier or contractor coming on the installation from the outside
- OUs are focused on accomplishing THEIR mission and may forget their obligation to the installation
- The OU command must take responsibility for the impacts they can have on the environment



Running on 5 Cylinders

- Elements of an EMS were meant to work together to achieve continual improvement
 - ◆ Setting objectives and targets, training, and operational controls is dependant on an aspect assessment
 - ◆ Management review is dependant on internal EMS auditing and monitoring and measurement
- An OU EMS must address each EMS element, but to what extent?



Address all elements?

- Policy
- Environmental aspects
- Objectives and Targets
- EMPs
- Roles and Responsibilities
- EMS Documentation
- Document Control
- Operational Control
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Monitoring and Measurement
- Management Review



What Should An OU EMS Look Like?

- Documented system
- Address each of the EMS elements
 - ◆ 5 Components
 - ◆ 17 Elements
- Reference to integration with and reliance on the installation EMS
 - ◆ Legal and other requirements
 - ◆ Periodic compliance evaluation
 - ◆ Non-Conformance, CA and PA



Continual Improvement

- The promise of continual improvement may never be realized without full participation at all levels and functions of the organization
- OUs are separate commands and must take responsibility for their own environmental impacts
- The installation command can not be expected to force or cajole other commands into doing what is right



Questions

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