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From: Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
To: General Officers
Commanding Officers
Officers in Charge
Inspector-Instructors

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

1. American society continues to evidence an increased concern for protection and enhancement of the environment. Accordingly, military leaders bear an increased accountability for the protection and enhancement of those environmental resources under their care and protection. Since Congress passed the Federal Facilities Compliance Act in 1992, Marine Forces Reserve has made significant strides in achieving and maintaining environmental compliance. All Marine Forces Reserve Inspector-Instructors and unit commanders must continue to emphasize environmental awareness and incorporate environmental compliance into every aspect of how they conduct business, taking affirmative steps to make compliance happen, without jeopardizing legitimate training objectives.

2. Care for the environment must be a part of all of your operations, both at garrison and in the field. Unit commanders and Inspector-Instructors must stay ever alert for any actions that can damage the environment. Furthermore, your personal attention should be directed towards the following:

a. Ensuring those personnel who manage your Hazardous Materials/Hazardous Waste storage areas and related environmental programs have your personal support and are properly trained. These Marines must obtain the Marine Corps' secondary MOS, Hazardous Material/Waste Marine (MOS 9954).

b. Ensuring adequate funding is planned, programmed, budgeted and executed at the unit, battalion/squadron, and higher levels of your command to meet environmental compliance requirements.

c. Ensuring that your unit has achieved and is maintaining compliance with all applicable Federal, State, local, and Marine Corps environmental regulations

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d. In coordination with MAPFORRES (Facilities/Environmental) ensuring the initiation of National Environmental Policy Act analysis and documentation procedures at the earliest stages of all project and activity planning. This Act requires all Federal Agencies to consider environmental effects of proposed major actions through the preparation of Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements.

3. Commanders are charged to personally inspect your garrison and field areas frequently, take action on all environmental matters requiring coordination, and employ ordinary common sense to ensure that your unit continues to maintain a strong environmental compliance posture.

4. For further guidance, the point of contact for this command is the Facilities, Environmental Department, at Com1 (504) 678-6886 or DSN 678-6886.



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*CO's and I-I's have some
responsibilities that are distinct,
and some that overlap.
Make sure your efforts are
mutually supporting.*