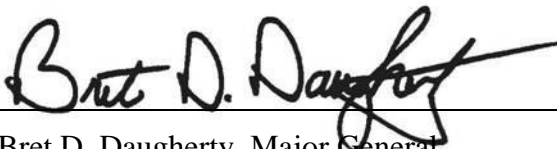


**Unified Washington Military Department and National Guard Policy  
No. 10-03**

<b>Title</b>	Environmental Policy Statement
<b>Authorizing Source</b>	Executive Order (EO) 13834, "Efficient Federal Operations," dated 22 May 2018 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-307, Pollution Prevention Plans
<b>References</b>	International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001:2015(E), Environmental Management System Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 4715.17, Environmental Management Systems, 31 Aug 2018 Army Regulation 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 2007 Air Force Instruction 32-7001, Environmental Management, 8 Nov 2021 Memorandum, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army, Subject: Re-Issuance and Clarification of Army Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy, 23 September 2005
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**Purpose**

Establish the overall intentions and direction of the Washington Military Department (WMD) related to its environmental performance.

**Scope**

This policy applies to all state and federal civilian employees of the WMD and to all members of the Washington National Guard.

While this policy is applicable agency-wide, major operational divisions of the WMD (Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Emergency Management Division, and Washington Youth Academy) may develop supplementary guidance as appropriate to further the intent of this policy or comply with organizational requirements.

## **Definitions**

1. Environmental Management System (EMS) – part of an organization’s management system used to develop and implement its environmental policy and manage its environmental aspects (ISO 14001:2015).
2. Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) – an Army National Guard program that conducts assessments for compliance performance of active army installations.
3. Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) – The WMD’s environmental committee established under AR 200-1 and State of Washington requirements to assist senior leadership in the formulation of policies and programs for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the environment.
4. Pollution Prevention (P2) – source reduction and other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources, or protecting resources through conservation (Pollution Prevention Act of 1990).
5. Sustainability and Energy Efficiency – Encourage the adoption of cleaner technologies to enhance building energy conservation, efficiency, and sustainable commuting and work-related travel practices. Emphasize the reduction and minimization of toxic and hazardous chemicals and materials as part of a comprehensive strategy to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. (EO 13834).

## **Policy**

The WMD is committed to excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment and our natural resources. While performing its mission, the WMD will:

- Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations, laws, and other requirements.
- Implement a pollution prevention program to identify and monitor environmental efforts and opportunities that will reduce the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous waste products.

## **Responsibilities**

1. The Adjutant General (TAG) has overall responsibility for ensuring that the agency activities and services support its military training and readiness operations, enhance mission accomplishment, maintain a mission-focused Environmental Management System (EMS) (for WAARNG Only), and that all WMD operations are conducted in a manner conducive to environmental stewardship.
2. The WMD Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) is the agency’s approved environmental committee and has been established in order to provide environmental

management oversight and monitor the agency's environmental performance. The board is responsible for ensuring environmental compliance and informing TAG of environmental concerns and issues for appropriate response and resources.

3. The WMD Environmental Program Manager and staff have the responsibility to develop, implement, and manage all daily agency environmental operations of the EMS and operate under the direction of TAG with support from the WMD EQCC.

### **Administrative**

The EQCC shall administer the following:

- To ensure the widest possible dissemination, copies of this policy statement are to be posted on all official bulletin boards and appropriate WMD websites. This policy statement is also to be made available to the general public through the agency's public website and/or upon written request.
- As part of the Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS), units are required to develop, implement, and manage an EMS education program that includes this policy statement and to validate that training has been conducted on an annual schedule.
- To ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, this policy will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.
- The point of contact for the WMD Environmental Policy Statement is, the WMD Environmental Program Manager, 253-512-8466.