

## Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on Environmental Management



Combined Arms Training Center (CATC) Camp Fuji provides critical training support to U.S. joint forces and is vital to the national security of Japan and the United States. CATC Camp Fuji is a unique training center in that our installation does not own any of the training areas. Therefore, we must coordinate use of training areas with numerous stakeholders to include the Japanese Ground Self Defense Forces (JGSDF), the Government of Japan, and with local landowners. The use of these training areas and even our own base camp demands sound management and environmental practices to ensure continued and sustained access.

Alongside our Japanese hosts we will comply with environmental regulations and practices while ensuring the efficient management of natural and cultural resources to support local community relations and interests.

We will comply with higher headquarters and Marine Corps environmental policies to ensure that we meet our responsibility of good stewardship of the environment. To accomplish this we will rely on strict adherence to orders and regulations through leadership, compliance audits, and training.

We will implement sustainability initiatives to mitigate the environmental impacts of our activities and reduce operating costs. By being vigilant, we will deepen the good relations with our host nation and build the public's trust that CATC Camp Fuji provides superior training support while minimizing impacts to the environment.

We will actively seek continuous improvement of our environmental performance by pursuing established goals and measuring our progress in achieving these goals. Environmental awareness is both a mindset and way of life - in garrison, as well as in combat! This is an all hands endeavor.

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