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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) is a major Department of the Army installation on a 946-acre island in the Mississippi River that is the home to more than 70 tenant organizations providing critical products and services to all of our Armed Services. The U.S. Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal (USAG-RIA) is the proprietor for all of the RIA tenants. The tenant operations consist of administration, storage, and manufacturing. The USAG-RIA provides world class base operations support to the diverse tenant population, residents and visitors. It also ensures protection of human health and the environment by regulating all base operations.

The USAG-RIA will utilize an Environmental Management System (EMS) as the tool to achieve and maintain environmental conformance; preserving, conserving, improving, and sustaining the environment. The EMS will be implemented in strict accordance with International Standardization Organization 14001:2004.

In keeping with this policy, our objective as an installation is to reduce waste and achieve minimal adverse impact on the air, water, and land through an effective EMS. In providing these services and support, we are committed to:

- Preventing pollution by minimizing the generation of wastes and releases of pollutants.
- Maximizing recycling and reuse of materials to promote conservation of natural resources.
- Communicating environmental success to regulators, other government agencies, and our local community.
- Establishing procedures to inform employees, contractors, and the public regarding this policy.
- Assessing projects to ensure that potential environmental impacts are controlled appropriately.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of our EMS through continual improvement of our environmental performance and review of established objectives and targets.
- Achieving and maintaining conformance with applicable Department of the Army, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the Illinois EPA environmental requirements.

All RIA personnel are responsible and accountable for environmental protection and conservation in the same manner they are for safety and health. To instill this parallel, key USAG-RIA and tenant personnel will serve on the RIA EMS Cross Functional Team (CFT). By institutionalizing an ISO conforming EMS, USAG-RIA and its tenants are demonstrating continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment.

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Want to know more?

Further information on many of our environmental activities is available at https://home.ria.army.mil/apps/ems/view/display.cfm
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