



DoD Regional Environmental Coordinators



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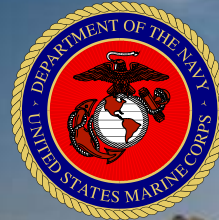
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DoD
Regional Environmental
Coordinator (REC)
Program

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“To protect the military’s ability to prepare U.S. service men and women to defend our country by working cooperatively with state governments and federal agencies on environmentally related issues to ensure continued access and use of the necessary land, sea and airspace”



Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

NUMBER 4715.02
August 28, 2009
Incorporating Change 2, August 31, 2018

USD(A&S)

SUBJECT: Regional Environmental Coordination

- References:
- (a) DoD Instruction 4715.2, “DoD Regional Environmental Coordination,” May 3, 1996 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) DoD Directive 4715.1E, “Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH),” March 19, 2005
 - (c) DoD Directive 5134.01, “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)),” December 9, 2005, as amended
 - (d) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Establishment of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment,” July 13, 2018

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction:

- a. Reissues and renames Reference (a).
- b. Implements policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures under Reference (b) for the establishment and operation of a program for regional environmental coordination within the Department of Defense in accordance with the authority in Reference (c).
- c. Establishes a framework for DoD Regional Environmental Coordinators (DoD RECs) and Component RECs within the United States.

2. APPLICABILITY. This Instruction:

- a. Applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).



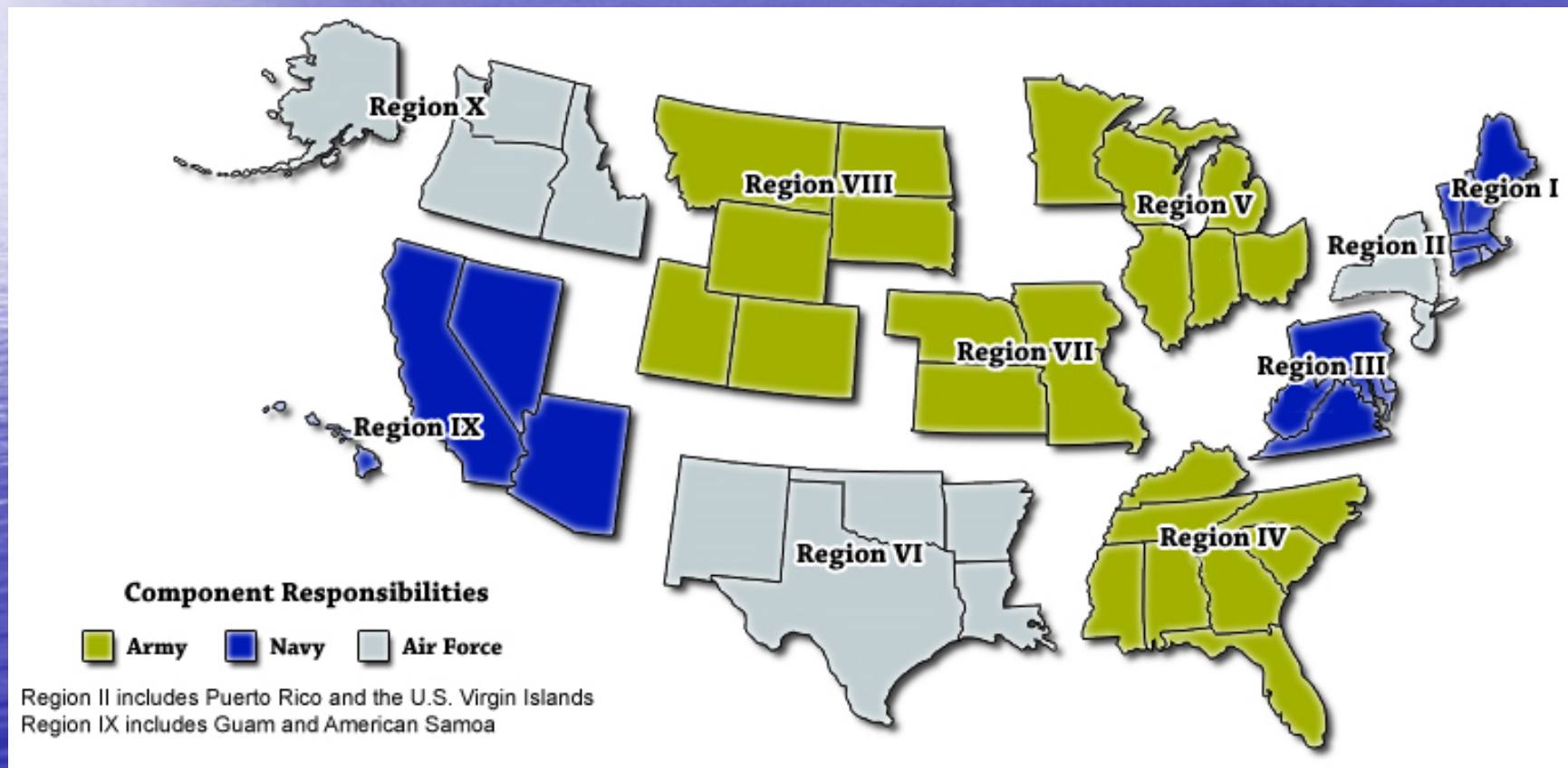
DoD REC Mission

- Monitor and engage on state legislation and rule making related to military mission
- Coordinate and deliver a unified DoD position on issues that affect military sustainment
- Develop and maintain cooperative partnerships
- Educate state and federal agencies on military operational & environmental needs & priorities
- Advise DoD on regional, state and local perspectives



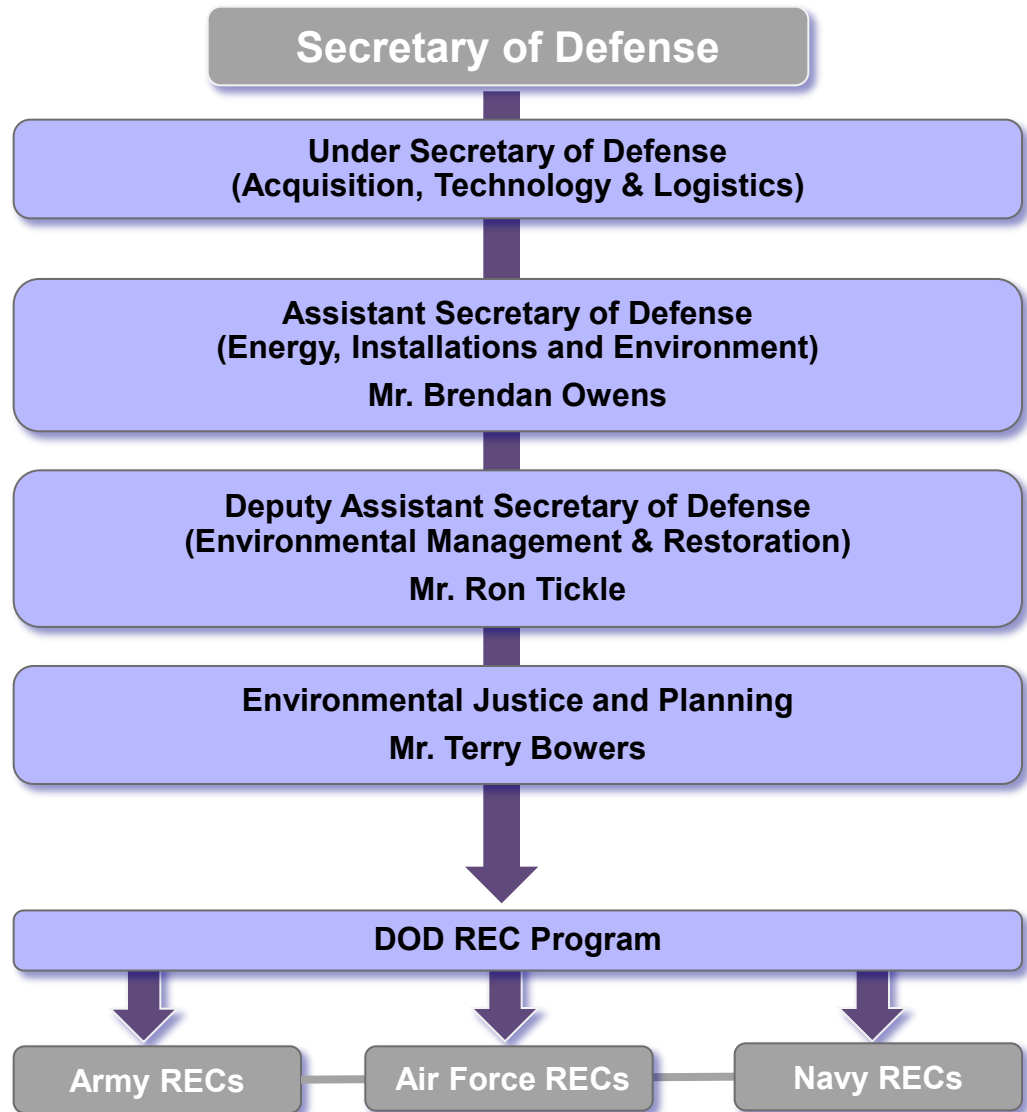
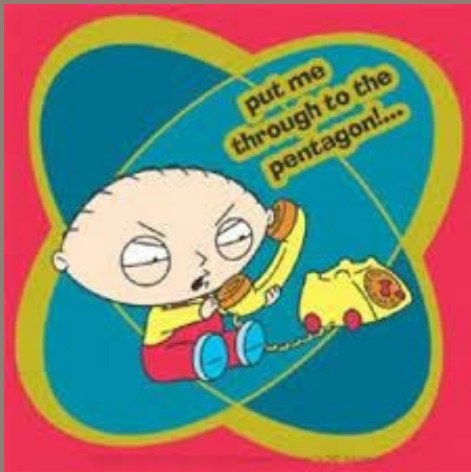
DoD REC Regions

Relationships...established before they're needed



DOD REC Program

- A single voice on behalf of DOD to the regulatory community and elected officials
- Advancing DOD interests in state legislation and rulemaking



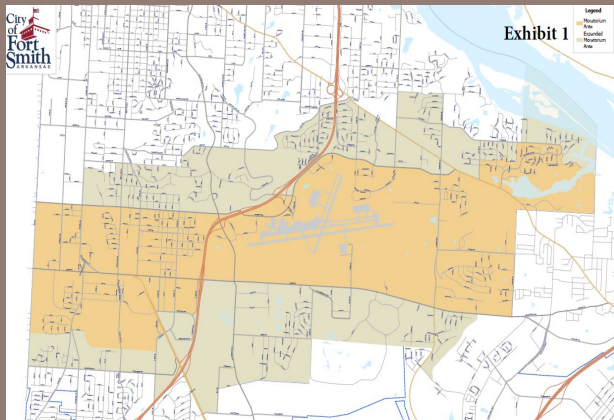
Legislative and Regulatory Monitoring & Engagement

- 170+ state/local regulatory agencies that write and enforce environmental regulations
- 1,850 programs that must be tracked for new rule changes
- States take >90% of all enforcement actions



Regional Environmental Coordination (REC) Highlights

EPA Region 6 – Ebbing Field



F-35 Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Mission Coord. – Ebbing Field

- Established contact w/ Fort Smith City & Arkansas planning offices in Aug. 2022
- Communicated need for proactive community compatibility & noise mitigation planning
- Connected AF Noise Pgm w/ Fort Smith planners & coordinated mission compatibility needs
- Nominated Ebbing Field for OLDCC Installation Resilience grant (May 23)
- Met with school district and City reps to discuss issues/needs (Sep 23)
- Coordinated w/ Arkansas infrastructure director to pursue noise mitigation funds for schools
- City Council passed ordinance limiting new residences in incompatible noise zones (Oct 23)
- Met with Fort Smith, OLDCC & Mission Owners at Ebbing Field and developed/submitted Noise/DCIP proposals (2024)



Regional Environmental
Coordination (REC)
Highlights

EPA Region 6 – Texas 2023
Engagement Highlights



2023 Texas Legislative Engagement – Encroachment Prevention

- Engaged on over a twenty pieces of proposed TX legislation w/ potential to adversely impact DoD missions & defense communities
- Coordinated w/ DoD services, defense communities & TX Military Preparedness Commission (TMPRC)
- Testimony & legislative engagement successfully preserved city ordinance rights to protect DoD missions around all 15 military installations in TX
 - Exemptions allow cities to continue passing ordinances 5 from base to protect mission & 15 miles for Joint Base San Antonio
- Ensured legislation on building height restrictions incl. consideration of military and civil aviation requ.
- Worked closely with REPI program
 - Successfully testified & prevented state-wide removal of Ashe Juniper tree ordinances to keep endangered species restrictions off DoD lands



Regional Environmental Coordination efforts

EPA Region 8



2023 – Colorado Reg 28, Building Efficiency

- Colorado initiated a unique building energy efficiency standard
- No allowance in the original rule to protect sensitive data
- Avoided conflicting state/federal compliance requirements

UT Wind Turbine Encroachment Legislation

- Encroachment of wind turbines on military training routes
- 3 versions in a three-year period, helped build consensus and expand support
- UT HB 117 passed with unanimous support in both chambers, signed by Governor 12 Mar 2024

CO Conservation Easements Legislation

- Easement legislation is received very differently from state to state
- Partnered with The Nature Conservancy to extend indefinitely the Easement Tax Credit
- The Governor signed CO SB 126 into law making available \$75M annually



Regional Environmental Coordination efforts

EPA Region 9



2023 - California Energy Commission (CEC) approved >\$2M for Navy/USMC installations electrification

- The CEC funds will be used to install chargers at Naval Base San Diego
- Electrification Blueprints will be created Naval Base San Diego, Ventura County, Lemoore

2023 - CA SB 114 Teacher Credentialing

- Streamlines the process for credential for military spouses with an out-of-state credential
- RECs supported Defense State Liaison Office (aka Quality of Life Office)

2024 - AZ Land Planning Legislation

- Joint Land Use Study suggested legislative protections for Naval Observatory and Camp Navajo in Flagstaff
- Staffed legislative language state-wide
- Secured a legislative sponsor and ensured protections for installations state-wide

Consistent voice

- Ensuring one voice when consulting with state agencies.
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DoD REC Team





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