



## Commander, Navy Region Mid Atlantic Hampton Roads Area

### Environmental Management System (EMS) – Environmental Policy

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The Hampton Roads area EMS is a decision based framework using the Plan-Do-Check-Act model and is derived from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 framework. It is important to note that the EMS is not a distinct environmental program, but a business tool that helps ensure the successful implementation, evaluation, and improvement of all environmental programs.

A fundamental principle of the EMS is that all military and civilian personnel operating across all missions, activities and functions are accountable for understanding and managing the potential environmental impacts of their jobs. As a person working for, or on behalf of, NAVSTA Norfolk & Craney Island, one of the things you are expected to know is the Installation's Environmental Policy.

The NAVSTA Norfolk Commanding Officer's Environmental Policy has made certain commitments that include, but are not limited to:

- Compliance with Federal, State and local environmental laws, regulations and policies,
- Preventing Pollution at its source whenever possible,
- And continually improving environmental performance.

The acronym **CARE** has been developed to help summarize the key concepts of the Environmental Policy:

- C** – Comply With the Rules
- A** – Always Improve
- R** – Reduce Waste
- E** – Eliminate Pollution



If you have environmental requirement questions or EMS questions in general, contact your Installation Environmental Office at (757)341-0523/0516 or the EMS Coordinator at (757)341-0448.