

DDC Personnel Prepare to Implement Environmental Management System

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Defense Distribution Center (DDC) personnel worked with field experts to outline the process by which DDC will implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) to protect the environment while at the same time reducing operating costs and serving the customer better.

"The EMS is designed to effectively improve not only our environmental performance, but also our performance in meeting DDC's mission to support the Warfighter," said Mike Dobbs, DDC's Environmental Program Manager.

Establishing the EMS will involve an assessment of current practices and a plan for the implementation of the EMS. DDC will develop an implementation team comprised of DDC representatives from across the organization—from General Counsel and Strategic Plans to Financial Operations and Command Support Services. This team will identify potential sources of pollution and create a long-term plan to be integrated into all day-to-day DDC business decisions, working toward the elimination of any harmful effects on the environment including pollution and the use of natural resources.



Staff from DDC's Environmental Divisions attended a training session on the implementation of the EMS. From left to right: Paul Galiotto, DDC Environmental Protection Specialist; Todd Candler, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Project Scientist; Michael Dobbs, DDC Environmental Program Manager; Larry Dolinger, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Environmental Coordinator; Ryan Lindell, DDSP Environmental Program Intern.

DDC Commanders Sign Agreement to Protect the Environment

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) is committed to managing and protecting the environment while performing the mission to support America's Warfighters. To demonstrate this, commanders from all of DDC's depots around the world gathered to sign the new DDC Environmental Management System (EMS) policy that outlines that commitment.

The EMS includes policies and procedures for identifying DDC's environmental goals and objectives and creating a plan for reaching those goals and preventing pollution. "As we work to support the Warfighter and the Peacekeeper, we must have a system in place that ensures the protection of our environment," said DDC Deputy Commander, Phyllis Campbell, SES.

"By implementing an Environmental Management System, DDC is demonstrating our commitment to conducting our business with respect for

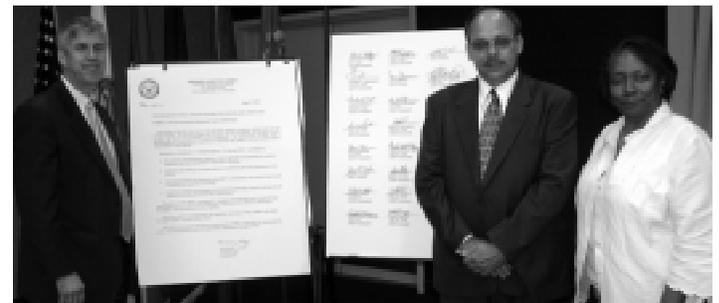
the environment and the communities in which we operate," said Campbell.

The EMS policy was signed by the commanders of DDC's 19 depots in the continental United States as well as the four depots outside of the continental United States and the commander of two depots to be opened later this year in Guam and Kuwait.

All federal agencies are required to implement an EMS at qualifying facilities by the end of 2005.



LTC Doug Nomura, USA, commander of Defense Distribution Depot Europe, signs the Environmental Management System policy letter.



DDC's distribution center commanders signed the Environmental Management System policy letter, agreeing to protect the environment while completing the mission of supporting the Warfighter. From left to right: Pat McCormick, DDC's Director of Logistics Operations; Mike Dobbs, DDC's Environmental Program Manager; and Phyllis Campbell, SES, DDC Deputy Commander.