

Environmental Management System (EMS) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How do I become a Hazardous Waste Coordinator (HWC) for my unit?

- Be appointed in writing from your unit Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge or applicable civilian or contractor Department/Project Lead using the template [HWC Appointment Letter and Billet Description](#).
- Complete the pre-requisite training identified below, "[What are the pre-requisite courses before attending the Hazardous Waste Coordinator \(HWC\) Course?](#)".
- Within 3 months of appointment from your unit Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge or applicable civilian or contractor Department/Project Lead; sign-up for and attend the MCAS Miramar Hazardous Waste Coordinator (HWC) Course at www.MiramarEMS.com, clicking on the "[Environmental Training](#)" link on the right side of the page, to learn installation-specific protocols and the operation of your accumulation site. Maintain your course completion certificate for a minimum of 3 yrs.
- Contact the MCAS Miramar, Environmental Department, Waste Management Division Environmental Protection Specialist assigned to your unit to receive site-specific operational training on your particular accumulation site.
- Attend monthly Hazardous Waste Coordinator (HWC) meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month. A calendar of meetings and training events can be found on the Home Page of www.MiramarEMS.com.
- Attend annual refresher training as required to maintain certification. Maintain your course completion certificate for a minimum of 3 yrs.

Q: How do I become an Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC) for my unit?

- Be appointed in writing from your unit Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge or applicable civilian or contractor Department/Project Lead using the template [ECC Appointment Letter and Billet Description](#).
- Complete all requirements for [becoming a HWC](#) to receive specific training on hazardous waste accumulation and disposition.
- Complete the station specific Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC) course held quarterly immediately following the ECC meeting.
- Attend quarterly ECC meetings held quarterly. A calendar of meetings and training events can be found on the Home Page of www.MiramarEMS.com.
- Contact the MCAS Miramar ECC to gain administrator access to training records held on-line and maintained locally in the Environmental training office.
- Attend annual refresher training as required to maintain certification.

Q: What are the pre-requisite courses before attending the Hazardous Waste Coordinator (HWC) Course?

- From the "[Home Page](#)" on this website, then clicking on the "[Environmental Training](#)" link. Once student registration has been complete in the MCI West Environmental Learning Management System (ELMS), the student must complete the following courses:
 - MCAS Miramar - EMS Awareness

- Excellence in Warfighting - Environmental Excellence
- Introduction to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Course
- Greening Through Procurement (RLO)
- Hazardous Material Storage (RLO)
- Hazardous Waste Accumulation Area (RLO)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation (RLO)
- Hazardous Waste Transportation (RLO)
- Hazardous Waste Storage - Less Than 90 Day Site (RLO)
- Pollution Prevention P2 Awareness Training
- If the student does not possess a Common Access Card (CAC) with a “usmc.mil) email address, then similar pre-requisite courses may be fulfilled through other tutorial methods. Please contact the MCAS Miramar EMS/CETEP Coordinator at (858)577-1306.

Q: How can I obtain the 8056 (Hazardous Material/Hazardous Waste (HM/HW) Officer Marine Occupational Specialty (MOS)?

- Consult the Marine Corps Environmental Compliance Manual, MCO P5090.2A <http://www.marines.mil/Portals/59/MCO%20P5090.2A%20W%20CH%201-3.pdf> for updated requirements for qualifying and maintaining this specialty MOS.
- Attend the MCAS Miramar Hazardous Waste Handler’s (HWC) course or one of the approved courses outlined in MCO P5090.2A. The installation CETEP Coordinator finalizes the approval of all related course of instruction.
- Complete all requirements outlined in the MOS Manual <http://www.marines.mil/Portals/59/MCO%201200.17E.pdf>
- Consult with the Installation CETEP Coordinator for additional requirements and/or questions peculiar to your situation.

Q: What does the EMS logo (Praying Mantis) mean or stand for?



Our look: A Praying Mantis is a stealth-like predator, similar to that of a US Marine, able to blend itself to the surrounding environment. Designed to reach our intended audience’s interests in science fiction action characters, video gaming and high adventure sports; the Mantis is the only insect with the ability to see very long range and swivel its head 180 degrees to keep its eyes on the mission and the environment. Shaped into an “M”. Marine, Miramar, Mantis.

Our words: It has been said that a Marine...is a machine! Within each Marine, exists the code of conduct and within each electronic machine, exists computer coding. Any Marine will tell you, "Within each Marine (core), is The Corps". Our slogan exemplifies our US Marines' take on the mission and environment of the US Marine Corps. Our slogan is, "More than our Code, It's our Corps".

Our image: Each of us works and plays in the Marine's operational environment. To conduct their training mission and be absolutely ready to fight battles, the Marine must have the proper training environment. To ensure this environment exists, the Marine must protect that environment. The Marine's eyes are always on the mission and the environment. Our display and our policy statement reflect the Marines' six environmental commitments.

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