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DIVISION -
NEWSLETTER

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Environmental
Services:

- Environmental Management System
- Environmental compliance training and assistance
- Energy conservation training and material
- Hazardous material/hazardous waste management
- Natural and cultural resources management

For any question please contact us at 354-6795 or

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or visit our webpage at

www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/dpw/

We can assist you with any occurring environmental problem!

ANNOUNCEMENT: External EPAS in April 2009

WHAT: HQ IMCOM-E will conduct an environmental assessment of the USAG Schweinfurt, called EPAS.

WHEN: 20 - 28 April 2009

WHY: The EPAS is a program to assess and monitor Environmental Programs, compliance, and Environmental Management System (EMS). EPAS helps to identify environmental deficiencies and resources necessary to correct deficiencies. Per army regulations, External EPASs are conducted every 3 years.

WHO WILL BE ASSESSED: All tenant units and organizations of the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt will be evaluated in 20 environmental media called protocols. These include Environmental Management System (EMS) implementation, Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Material, Medical Waste, the SORT program, Spill Prevention and Response Planning, etc.

WHAT WILL BE EVALUATED: SOPs, environmental training records and general awareness, Spill Prevention and Control Plan, management practices, command emphasis and oversight, etc.

WHO WILL ASSESS: A multi-disciplinary team (approximately 12 people), led by IMCOM-E.

If you have any questions or need assistance in preparing, please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental

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Endangered species at USAG Schweinfurt

Rooks (*Corvus frugilegus*) are special species of crows that are on the red list for endangered species in most German states. In Bavaria there are only about 3000 breeding pairs. Luckily a rather big population of several hundred birds lives on USAG Schweinfurt premises, a number that has increased over the last few years. On the garrison they find their preferred space for nesting (old and big trees). Regularly cut grass provides great nesting material.

Rooks (45–47 cm in length) can be identified by their grayish beak (crows and ravens have black beaks) and their voice: "kaah-kaah-kaah". They play an important role in the natural equilibrium. They act as a natural pest control as they predominantly feed on earthworms, leatherjackets, and other insect larvae which the birds



find by probing the ground with their strong bills. Rooks also eat cultivated cereal grain and smaller amounts of fruit. In urban areas, human food scraps are taken from rubbish dumps and streets, usually in the early hours when it is relatively quiet. They have also been seen along the seashore, feeding on insects, crustaceans, and suitable food flotsam.

Rooks can also be found traditionally in different folkloristic tales and legends, for example they are believed to be able to forecast weather – the higher the nest, the better the summer will be!



Environmental Officer Training—February 2009

The Environmental Division offered a Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Material, and Spill Response Course to all Units and organizations from 2 to 6 February 2009 in Conn Barracks. The course was primarily aimed at Environmental Officers, which every unit and organization has to appoint per Army in Europe Regulation 200-1. Nineteen persons attended the training. A particular focus of this 40-hour course was on understanding the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), chemical hazards, spill and accident response, labeling and correct storage procedures. It also included a visit of the Central Hazardous Waste Storage Area. The training certificate qualifies Environmental Officers to carry out short training sessions for other unit personnel. To remain qualified, all personnel handling hazardous material and waste must receive refresher training annually.



If you would like any kind of environmental training: contact the Environmental Division 354-6795 or environmental-usag-schweinfurt-dpw@eur.army.mil.

Spring—have you realized... ?

In March, spring began — meteorologically (1 March) and according to the calendar (20 March).

In the morning, you awake to the chirping of various birds. The male sings to mark his territory and attract females. Migratory birds return from the south and flocks of birds can be observed in the sky. The birds prepare for breeding.



Amphibians start to migrate to their spawning water. They all start to migrate at approximately the same time, always returning to the same spawning water where they were born. On their way they may cross roads — drivers must be careful. On some roads, fences for amphibians and traffic signs (*Krötenwanderung*/toad migration) with speed limit are established for the migratory period.

Environmental Management System (EMS)

EMS is...

- A business practice.
- A systematic and organized approach to managing environmental impacts.
- Applicable to everyone in the USAG Schweinfurt.

Philosophy: Anticipate potential problem areas and proactively implement preventive actions.

EMS at the USAG Schweinfurt:

- EMS policy signed by GC, LTC Haager.
- Significant aspects: energy consumption and generation of solid waste.

How you can help:

- Assess and evaluate environmental effects related to your activities.
- Implement environmental consideration into your daily work.

New Hazardous Waste Specialist at USAG Schweinfurt

As of February 2009, a new contracted Hazardous Waste (HW) Specialist has joined the Environmental Division. He advises the Garrison on HW management and ensures USAG Schweinfurt's HW is disposed of in compliance with US and Host Nation requirements. He is developing strategies for the Garrison to reduce the amount of HW it produces and will be constantly evaluating new disposal technologies to determine whether they can be used to dispose of USAG Schweinfurt's HW. If you have any questions regarding HW disposal at USAG Schweinfurt you can contact him at DSN 345-6892 or environmental-usag-schweinfurt-dpw@eur.army.mil. Alternatively, he can be found at the USAG Schweinfurt HW Storage Area at Bldg. 147, Conn Barracks.