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# DHA Healthcare Facilities Efficiency & Environmental Compliance Dept.

## **Department Mission:**

The Healthcare Facilities Efficiency and Environmental Compliance Department serves as a specialized division within the Defense Health Agency (DHA), dedicated to advancing environmental resilience, compliance, and operational efficiency across military medical treatment activities. This multidisciplinary team provides comprehensive support for the DHA Efficiency and Environmental Programs, ensuring that healthcare delivery maintains the highest standards of environmental stewardship while supporting military readiness and patient care.

## **Core Functions**

### **Environmental Compliance & Risk Management:**

The department maintains rigorous oversight of environmental regulations across all DHA medical treatment facilities (MTFs)/Activities, conducting systematic compliance assessments and implementing standardized protocols. Through comprehensive Environmental Compliance Baseline Assessments (ECBAs), the team identifies potential risks, establishes best practices, and ensures adherence to federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

### **Hazardous Waste Management:**

Specialized expertise in hazardous waste protocols ensures safe handling, documentation, and disposal of medical and operational waste streams. The department develops and maintains comprehensive guidance materials, including the Waste Management Pocket Guide, and provides technical support to facility personnel across the military healthcare system.

### **Efficiency Program Implementation:**

Central to the department's mission is the development and execution of robust efficiency/resiliency initiatives that reduce environmental impact while maintaining operational effectiveness. The team manages annual data collection processes, performance measurement systems, and strategic planning efforts that drive measurable improvements in energy efficiency, waste reduction, and greenhouse gas emissions across the DHA network.

### **Training & Knowledge Management:**

Through structured educational programs, workshops, and digital communications, the department builds organizational capacity and promotes best practices throughout the DHA community. This includes developing user guides, conducting webinars, managing social media presence, and creating publications that support environmental awareness and compliance training.

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## Strategic Impact:

Through its comprehensive approach to environmental stewardship and operational efficiency, the Healthcare Facilities Efficiency and Environmental Compliance Department directly contributes to military readiness by reducing compliance risks, optimizing resource utilization, and promoting sustainable healthcare delivery. The department's work supports broader Department of Defense sustainability goals while ensuring that environmental considerations are seamlessly integrated into healthcare operations without compromising patient care or mission effectiveness.

## Performance Excellence:

The department maintains a commitment to continuous improvement through systematic data collection, analysis, and reporting processes. Annual performance assessments, compliance audits, and stakeholder feedback mechanisms ensure that programs remain effective and responsive to evolving requirements within the dynamic military healthcare environment.

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# 2025 AT A GLANCE IN PICTURES



DHA 2025 System For Change Award



SPD walkthrough, MCAS Cherry Point, NC



Training Event 56th MDG, Luke AFB, AZ



Training Event 82nd MDG, TX



ECBA, Naval Hospital Guam



Training Event 316th MDG, Andrews AFB

# Just a few of the DHA Activity site visits coming in 2026



ECAP visit at 374th MDG, Yokota, Japan



HFEP Training event at Naval Hospital, Naples



HFEP Training event at 633rd MDG, Joint Base Langley



ECAP and HFEP visits at 48th MDG, RAF Lakenheath



HFEP Training event at 10th MDG, Air Force Academy



ECAP visit at 81st MDG, Kessler AFB