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Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices to Transition to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices (REEOs) will transfer to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) from Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (OASA (IE&E)), effective October 1, 2014. The transition is part of Army Headquarters Transformation efforts to reduce the workload of Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) and its Field Operating Agencies to approximately two-thirds of October 2010 levels by the end of Fiscal Year 2018.

Hon. Katherine Hammack, ASA (IE&E), and Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, USACE Commanding General, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) approving the transfer in early June 2014.

Under the agreement, the OASA (IE&E) will retain the Department of Defense (DoD) delegated lead agent function and oversight of the four REEOs. USACE will maintain operational control and program execution, and will gain REEO civilian staff as well as new support obligations and functions. Each Regional Office director will report to a USACE Division: the REEO-Northern to the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, the REEO-Western and REEO-Central both to the Northwestern Division, and the REEO-Southern to the South Atlantic

Division.

The REEOs were established in 1995 to support DoD and Army readiness, training and testing. The offices engage with state legislators, federal and state regulators, and nongovernmental organizations on behalf of the DoD and the Army to enable military installation training and readiness. The offices also conduct strategic communications to promote greater

understanding of the Army's commitment to sustainable practices and energy security.

According to the MOA, the REEO's core mission will not change with the transfer. That mission is outlined by DoD Instruction 4715.02, updated in August 2009, authorizing the Regional Environmental Coordinators (RECs) to monitor and engage state regulatory and legislative officials in support of mission sustainment. Each REEO Director serves as the DoD REC in an assigned region of the U.S.

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Staff from USACE Headquarters and USACE Divisions are meeting with OASA (IE&E) and Regional Office staffs to implement the transition.

For more information about the Army REEOs, visit <http://www.asaie.army.mil/Public/InfraAnalysis/REEO/index.html>

An Army Treasure

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We met the MSC's Army Artist in Residence, Sgt. 1st Class Amy Louise Brown, who deploys at moment's notice to cover Army missions around the world. Brown was selected for this position through a rigorous competitive process. It's important to note, she was a high school teacher prior to enlisting in the Army immediately following 9/11... an amazing Soldier.



SI and RM members look on at the Army's massive collection of paintings.

We were also fortunate to view a \$5 million dollar piece of art by Norman Rockwell titled "Let's Give Him Enough and On Time," oil on canvas, 1942. You'll recognize the art — do a web search for the title. Another treasure — the 1917 Locomobile staff car of Gen. J.J. Pershing from World War I.

The MSC staff also manages the Army's core typological collection — examples of all Soldier-related clothing and equipment from the Army's beginnings to today. The collection shows the evolution of that material over time and has even helped equipment and uniform designers today. The MSC also has a priceless collection of unit and American flags. A colossal climate control system keeps the building's temperature and humidity ideal for preserving our Army's priceless history.

We were fortunate to spend several hours together at the MSC. Everyone learned something and contributed to this event. I look forward to our next professional development opportunity!

Randy Robinson