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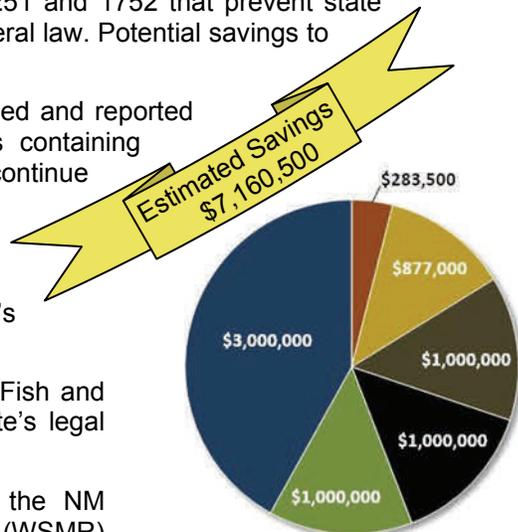
Army REEO Mission: To fulfill responsibilities as DOD Regional Environmental Coordinators (RECs), engage with state legislators, federal and state regulators, and nongovernmental organizations, on behalf of the DOD and the Army to enable the conduct of activities on our installations required to build readiness to execute the Army's global mission. Conduct strategic communications for the purpose of promoting greater understanding of the Army's commitment to sustainable practices and energy security.

SUSTAINING READINESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATES

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES (REEOs)

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **NE Sales Tax Applicability** - Worked with USACE and NE legislature to clarify sales tax issues related to military construction. NE Dept. of Revenue agreed federal liability limitations and materials used in federal projects are not subject to NE sales tax. Outcome prevented construction delays and saved \$3M on the project.
- **MO Legislative Support** - Assisted passage of Missouri House Bills 1251 and 1752 that prevent state guidelines and standards from being stricter than those required under federal law. Potential savings to installations in MO: hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.
- **Installation Support** - At Forts Leavenworth and Leonard Wood, identified and reported potentially costly precedent by EPA Region 7 to treat building debris containing properly applied pesticides as hazardous waste. Direct discussions continue between ASA (IE&E), EPA Region 7 Administrator and Kansas Governor.
- **Chesapeake Bay Program** - As Army Chesapeake Bay Program lead, secured \$877,000 in National Defense Center of Energy and Environment program funds to assist DOD/Army installations in responding to USEPA's Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirement.
- **Permitting Resolution with FL Regulators** - Worked with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to resolve a misperception of the state's legal authority to require permits for DOD species management activities.
- **Restoration Program Assistance** - Coordinated meetings between the NM Environmental Department (NMED) and White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) concerning the range's Environmental Restoration Program. NMED has committed to fully participate in the development of the WSMR cleanup planning process. Result is savings of \$1 million in 2012 and site closures expected within a year.
- **CA Stormwater Industrial General Permit (IGP)** - Collaborated with California State Water Resources Control Board to amend DOD's IGP, avoiding costly and duplicative monitoring requirements.



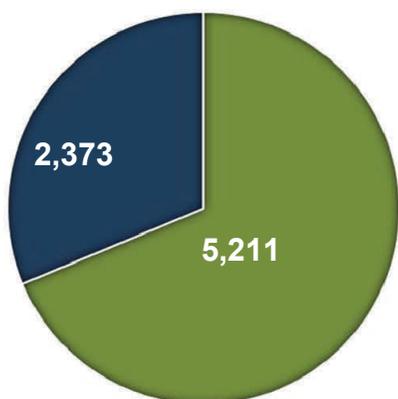
CY 2012 REEO Cost Savings / Cost Avoidance

- Construction Sales Tax Issue
- REEO Relocation & Operations Cost Savings
- NDCEE Phase II Project
- MO House Bills 1251 and 1752
- Forts Leavenworth and Leonard Wood Issue
- WSMR Restoration Program Assistance

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY SUPPORT

The REEOs continued their unique and vital role of monitoring proposed state environmental and energy laws and regulations. In 2012, 7,584 laws and regulations were evaluated for impacts to installation missions. When legislation or a regulation of concern is found, REEOs work with the other services to offer language to minimize or eliminate the impact.

2012 REVIEWED LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PROPOSALS



- Regulations
- Legislation

REGIONAL REVIEWS

Monthly regional *Reviews* provide information on federal, state and local environmental, energy, and related legislative and regulatory activities relevant to DOD interests. The *Review* gives DOD/Army leaders and installation staff early warning of legislative and regulatory changes and assists installations in meeting ISO 14001 environmental management system requirements. The REEOs distributed more than 3,000 monthly *Reviews* in 2012.



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES (REEOs)

OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

REEOs conducted outreach and maintained partnerships with EPA Regions, state environmental and energy regulatory agencies, state legislatures, nongovernmental organizations and local stakeholders. Outreach goals in the 2012 REEO Outreach Plan Update are to ensure a greater understanding of DOD missions, identify champions that will facilitate timely resolution of issues, and support sustainment of military missions.

In 2012, the REEOs began creating new partnerships with the energy community, while building upon existing collaborative relationships with environmental groups. Outreach venues in 2012 included meetings with Environmental Council of the States, Council of State Governments, National Ocean Council, National Association of State Energy Officials, and many other groups.

National Association of Counties (NACo)

Changes in the 2008 Farm Bill inadvertently prohibited using DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) funding as part of the local match for U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs. At NACo's request, REEOs explained impacts on REPI projects. NACo is now working with The Nature Conservancy and Congress to restore authority to use REPI funds.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC)

SALCC is dedicated to landscape conservation to sustain natural and cultural resources. The REEO and partners selected and executed over \$1M in projects in FY12. The REEO accepted, on behalf of the SALCC, the 2012 Environmental Conflict Resolution National Technology Award presented by the Udall Foundation. DOD regional focus will sharpen as REEO is CY13/14 SALCC chair.



REEO Regional Counsel Bob Boonstoppel, Indiana Senator Jim Arnold, and Dr. Thom Rennie, USAF REC to Region 5, discuss DOD environmental and energy programs at the August 2012 National Conference of State Legislatures annual meeting.

State Partnerships

REEOs worked closely with other service RECs to plan and host high level regulatory compliance and sustainability meetings in MI, IN and many other states, maintaining effective and open dialog with state regulatory agencies.

MISSION SUSTAINMENT

The REEO's focus is to protect military training and testing operations by working with state legislators and rule writers to ensure unique military needs are met in an environmentally sound manner. REEO activities:

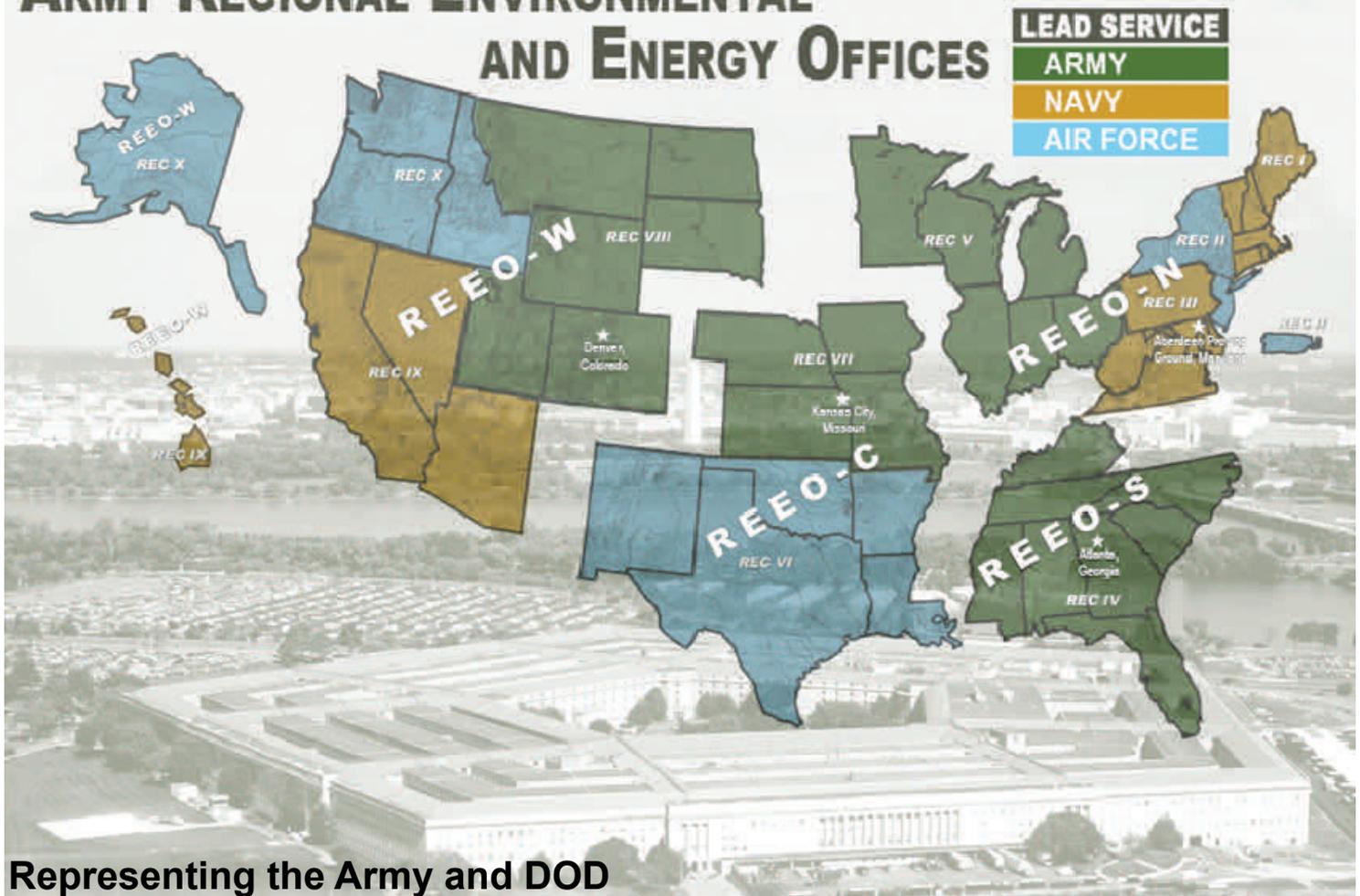
- Contributed to DOD efforts to develop Memoranda of Agreement (MOUs) with MD, VA, and DC. The MOUs cover Federal Consistency with MD's enforceable policies under NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Act, stormwater management by Federal Facilities in response to DC's MS4 permit reissuance, and DOD stormwater management in VA in addressing the USEPA's Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- Worked with GA Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) to relieve a potential regulatory burden on installations within GA, including Kings Bay Submarine Base. GAEPD sought to list inactive ranges on the Base RCRA permit.
- Assisted the National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils in developing a Prescribed Fire Pocket Guide to outline safe and effective prescribed fire practices as a conservation tool.
- Facilitated the drafting and submittal of Fort Huachuca's mission impact comments for the environmental impact statement for the SunZia high voltage transmission line(s).

ENERGY

REEOs continued to support the Army's renewable energy, energy security, and the Net Zero programs. REEOs monitor state legislative and regulatory efforts and provide outreach to external stakeholders regarding the Army's commitment to energy security goals. REEO activities:

- Engaged in the first interface between HQDA, Fort Detrick, and MD Energy Administration to discuss Army Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF) purpose, renewable energy research, and projects under consideration at Fort Detrick.
- Coordinated with EITF to address potential regulatory constraints that may affect renewable energy generation proposals being considered for installations nationwide.
- Obtained agreement from the new Director of the Kansas Energy Office to incorporate DOD Energy Siting Clearinghouse coordination into updated state Energy Siting Guidelines.
- Provided legal and outreach support for EITF projects across the country in both the planning and execution phases.

ARMY REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES



Representing the Army and DOD

The Department of Defense (DOD) established DOD Regional Environmental Coordinators (RECs) for each of the ten federal regions in the United States. The Department of the Army has DOD lead responsibility for four federal regions and has four corresponding Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices (REEOs). The Army REEOs report to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

What REEOs Do

- Conduct and facilitate regional governmental affairs, environmental and energy activities in support of the military mission.
- Engage state legislators, state and federal regulators and regional stakeholders to build partnerships and awareness of the military mission.
- Analyze and address proposed state legislation and state and federal regulation that could impact or benefit military operations.
- Communicate and coordinate state legislative and regulatory impact analyses and related information to Army and DOD stakeholders.
- Provide strategic communications for Army and DOD policies and programs to sustain the military mission.
- Monitor the application of Army and DOD policies to ensure consistency across states and regions.

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