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Transferring Technology Solutions -

Matching Army Installation Sustainability Needs With Technology Solutions

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Presentation Highlights

- NDCEE & Army EQT partnership
- Task accomplishments
 - Identified and validated 37 needs at six installations
 - Informed installation staffs about solutions
 - Shared installations' best practices
 - Helped installations to meet their sustainability goals
- Collaborative and follow-on NDCEE efforts
- Lessons learned



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Army EQT & NDCEE Programs

- Established in 1991, the NDCEE serves as a national resource to address high-priority environmental issues for the DoD and other government organizations.
- The Army's EQT Program provides guidance and direction to the U.S. Army's environmental community by focusing on science, technology, and demonstration and validation work to satisfy user requirements.
- Program goals are to implement and transfer cost-effective technologies, methods, and processes to the field.



NDCEE Task N.0412, Technology Transfer

- Goal: To match current installation needs with technology solutions and help execute technology transfer and implementation.

- Objective: Initiate technology transfer on site
 - Leverage technology assessments developed on four key technology transfer focus areas
 - Identify candidate application sites with needs in those focus areas
 - Confirm and define end-user needs through site visits
 - Capture success stories and lessons learned
 - Consolidate site findings and perform data analysis



Technology Focus Areas

- HAPs/VOCs from combustion sources
- Surface coating operations
- Lead-based paint removal
- Solid waste reduction



Why Use Focus Areas?

- Prioritize and select sites
- Initiate needs identification
 - Discuss potential technology solutions with installation personnel while on site
- Facilitate planning for the site visit
 - Identify process areas/points of contact
- Organize our visit teams
 - Offer complementing technical expertise tailored to the site's needs



NDCEE Technology Assessments

- Overview of technologies that are available in the marketplace or in development:
 - Technology descriptions
 - Performance data
 - Maturity level
 - Demonstration/validation needs
 - Vendor information
 - Applicability to EQT exit criteria
 - Cost information

- Technology Inventory: 131 solutions
 - HAPs/VOCs, non-paint operations = 46
 - HAPs/VOCs, paint operations = 27
 - LBP = 25
 - Solid waste = 33



Site Selection

- Reviewed Environmental Program Requirements (EPR) Database
 - Designed to support execution of environmental projects
 - Maintained by USAEC
 - Identified project requests as need statements for technology transfer opportunities
 - Lessons learned:
 - EPR search results provided credibility, interest to installation staff
 - EPR-identified needs were a good starting point, representing about half of the site's needs



Site Selection

- Identified key candidate application sites
 - Fort Bliss, TX
 - Fort Carson, CO
 - Fort Hood, TX
 - Fort Lewis, WA
 - Fort Stewart, GA
 - Radford AAP, VA





Technology Transfer Visits

- Obtained approval and coordinated activities with REOs/IMA Regional Offices
- Continued need-identification activities prior to visits
 - Initiated discussions with installation personnel
 - Reviewed findings contained in Environmental Performance Assessment Reports (EPARs)
 - Reviewed 25-year sustainability goals
- Conducted visits in January-April 2005
 - Team members included USAEC and NDCEE representatives with applicable technical expertise



On-Site Technology Transfer Objectives

- Gain a better understanding of installations' environmental challenges
- Capture success stories and lessons learned
- Provide installations with information on commercially available technology solutions
- Gather more specific data related to a potential solution
 - Equipment installation, operation, training, long-term maintenance
- Work with installation personnel who can implement changes
- Follow-up with:
 - Trip Reports including product information & POCs
 - Technology Transfer Implementation Plans (2 sites)



Analysis Findings

■ Installation needs:	37
■ Installation successes:	27
■ Technology solutions:	86
– Sustainability goal related:	6
– NDCEE investigated:	14
– Army investigated:	7



Solutions For Common Needs

Technology Need

- VOC and HAP reduction in painting operations
 - Fort Lewis
 - Fort Bliss
 - Fort Carson
 - Fort Stewart

Potential Solutions

- Water-dispersible chemical agent resistant coating (WD-CARC)
- High-efficiency spray guns
- Paint distribution system
- Paint application targeting device
- In-line paint fluid monitoring



Solutions For Common Needs (cont.)

Technology Need

- VOC reduction in parts washing and TRI chemical use reduction in brake cleaning operations
 - Fort Lewis
 - Fort Bliss
- Alternative fuel implementation
 - Fort Hood
 - Fort Stewart
 - RFAAP

Potential Solutions

- Non-naphtha-based solvent parts washer
- Aqueous brake cleaner

- Biodiesel



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Solutions For Site-Specific Needs

Technology Need

- LBP detection for compliance reporting
- Reduction of wastewater from tanker truck washing
- LBP removal from deconstructed wood
- Improved, compliant vehicle decoating process
- DLSME NESHAP compliance of paint booth
- NESHAP compliance of wood-fired boiler

Potential Solutions

- X-ray fluorescence analyzer
- Closed-loop tank washing system
- Wood recovery unit
- Vacuum-assisted grinding equipment
- Paint booth replacement/retrofitting
- Combustion modification



Installation Success Stories

■ Potential solutions for other installations

- Validated technologies
- Technical and cost-benefit support data
- Lessons learned
- Priority interest of other installation staff

■ Capitalized on NDCEE experience

- Demonstration/validation and technology transfer efforts with all of the Services
- Site visit findings that have been captured under other NDCEE tasks



Installation Success Stories

- Fort Campbell: Concertina wire disposal, deconstruction
- Fort Chaffey: Wood recovery system
- Fort Hood: Tanker truck washing facility, solvent distillation system
- Fort Leonard Wood: Biodiesel
- Malmstrom AFB: Stage II vapor recovery systems
- NADEP Jacksonville: Paint proportioning system
- NAS Whidbey Island: In-vessel composting system
- RFAAP: Hydroturbine technology (renewable energy)
- RFAAP and Tobyhanna Army Depot: Environmental Management and Monitoring System (RFAAP's system has security camera features)



Sustainability Goal-Related Solutions

Sustainability Goal

- HAP reduction in painting operations
- HAP reduction in non-paint operations (e.g., solvent reduction from parts washing)
- Waste minimization associated with construction, deconstruction, and renovation projects

Installation(s)

- Forts Carson, Hood, and Lewis
- Forts Carson and Hood
- Fort Hood



Sustainability Goal-Related Solutions

Sustainability Goal

- Solid waste reduction (including composting and recycling program expansions)
- Grey water reuse
- Energy from renewable sources

Installation(s)

- Forts Carson, Lewis, and Hood
- Fort Lewis
- Forts Carson, Hood, and Lewis



NDCEE-Investigated Solutions

- Aqueous cleaning
- Environmental Management and Monitoring System
- Fuel cells
- High-efficiency spray equipment
- Hydroturbine technology
- Joint Service Solvent Substitution Tracking Database
- Lactate esters cleaning process
- Paint application targeting device
- Paint distribution systems
- Plastic media blasting
- Releasable corrosion inhibitor product
- WD-CARC
- Water treatment system
- Wood recovery unit



WD-CARC is being sprayed during a NDCEE demonstration at CEG-A, Goose Creek. Following the demonstration, WD-CARC was implemented at the facility.



Army-Investigated Solutions

- Bio-airVENT® [Activated Carbon Fiber-Cloth (ACFC) Adsorber and Vapor Recovery System]
- Decontamination Furnace
- Green Waste Composting
- Lithium Battery Recovery and Reuse Program
- Rotating Drum Biofilter
- Sludge Composting
- WD-CARC



USAEC sponsored a demonstration of a decontamination furnace at the Alabama Army Ammunition Plant. The system can achieve 99.999% decontamination of explosives-contaminated materials.



NDCEE Follow-On Efforts

- Additional site visits – up to 10 Army sites
 - Investigate other focus areas
 - Expand validation effort of installation needs
 - Provide demonstration/validation support for implementation
- Additional technology assessments
 - Industrial cleaning, alternative fuels/energy management, and water conservation/recycling
- Demonstrations
 - WD-CARC: Fort Lewis, March 7-9, 2006
 - Composting: Fort Hood, Fort Lewis
 - 2 others TBD



Lessons Learned

- On-site validation is important in updating our knowledge of installation needs
 - Existing databases give only a partial overview of installation environmental needs
 - Currency was more important than expected

- Most installation needs can be met with available technologies
 - Technology demonstration/validation is often necessary for implementation
 - Monetary and other constraints may constrict installations' ability to implement cost-saving solutions



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Summary

- Through the technology transfer visits, the Army and NDCEE are able to:
 - Validate installations' high-priority environmental needs (and identify new ones)
 - Discuss past, current, and future actions and plans with installation personnel
 - Discover common needs among Army installations
 - Match needs with solutions
 - Uncover needs that lack commercially available solutions
 - Provide installations with recommendations and plans for technology implementation
 - Help installations to meet the “sustainability” goal from the *Army Strategy for the Environment*



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