



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE TRAINING COMMAND
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER
BOX 788100
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA 92278-8100

CCO 5090.5B

G-4 EA D

AUG 21 2026

COMBAT CENTER ORDER 5090.5B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: FISCAL YEAR 27 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE EVALUATION SELF AUDIT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 5090.2
(b) CCO 5040.5S
(c) DivO P5100.17 W/ADMIN CH1
(d) JAGINST 5800.7G CH2
(e) Environmental Standard Operating Procedures

Encl: (1) Definitions and Discussion
(2) Commands and Divisions

1. Situation. The Environmental Compliance Evaluation (ECE) Self Audit Program provides the Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), an authoritative tool to establish environmental controls and procedures to systematically assess the installation's environmental compliance status. The ECE Self Audit Program consists of the Technical Assist Visit (TAV), Formal Assist Visit (FAV), and the Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) ECE. This Order and its references apply to all units, organizations, tenant activities, and contractors operating aboard MAGTFTC, MCAGCC.

2. Cancellation. CCO 5090.5A.

3. Mission. Per reference (a), MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, through the Environmental Affairs (EA) division, will establish the ECE Self Audit Team, publish fiscal year (FY) program responsibilities, and issue the annual ECE audit schedule.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. All MAGTFTC, MCAGCC units, organizations, tenant activities, and contractors will actively participate in and support the ECE Self Audit Program to ensure complete environmental compliance and stewardship.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Per reference (b), EA is the primary agency responsible for managing and conducting the ECE Self Audit Program. The program will execute sequentially via TAVs, FAVs, and HQMC ECEs.

(b) Enclosure (1) provides definitions and discussion relevant to this Order.

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

AUG 21 2026

(c) Commands and divisions listed in enclosure (2) will undergo a TAV and FAV during each FY.

(d) Results of the TAV, FAV, and the associated Corrective Action Report (CAR) shall serve as the official record of environmental compliance and will be retained in accordance with Marine Corps records management standards.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Commanding Officers (COs), Assistant Chiefs of Staff (ACs/S), Officers-in-Charge (OICs), Division Directors (Div/Dirs), and Special Staff Officers (SSOs)

(a) In accordance with reference (a), appoint in writing an Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC) and Alternate Environmental Compliance Coordinator (AECC). The ECC shall be a Staff Sergeant (E-6) or above or other individual with sufficient authority to implement environmental requirements at each command, and the AECC shall be a Sergeant (E-5) or above or other individual with sufficient authority to implement environmental requirements at each command. The ECC and AECC will serve as the unit's environmental point of contact and subject matter experts for environmental policy and procedures aboard MCAGCC. Per reference (e), the ECC and AECC shall ensure unit environmental training and environmental compliance requirements are met and coordinate with installation environmental staff as required. Ensure appointees remain in the billet for a minimum of one year. To the maximum extent practical, commands are highly encouraged to fill these billets with Marines holding the Additional Military Occupational Specialty (AMOS) 8056.

(b) In accordance with reference (c), all 1st Marine Division units shall appoint in writing an Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO), ECC, and AECC. The ECO (Commissioned Officer), ECC (E-6) and AECC (E-5) shall be appointed for a minimum of one year and shall not be assigned more than one other collateral duty to ensure sufficient operational focus on environmental program management.

(c) ECO, ECC, and AECC appointment letters shall be signed by the unit CO. A PDF copy of the signed appointment letter shall be placed in the environmental folder located on Microsoft Teams within 15 days of signature.

(d) Direct the appointed ECO, ECC, and AECC to participate in and complete all baseline and recurring environmental training programs provided by EA.

(e) Direct the ECO, ECC, and AECC to coordinate and integrate environmental protection efforts within your command or directorate.

(f) Ensure the appointed ECO, ECC, and AECC attend all scheduled installation ECC meetings.

(g) Ensure the appointed ECO, ECC, and AECC upload all environmental records, logs, and compliance documents to the unit environmental folder on Microsoft Teams.

(h) Grant ECE evaluators prompt and reasonable access to all facilities, records, and training areas to conduct TAVs, FAVs, and HQMC ECEs.

AUG 21 2026

(i) Ensure the appointed ECO, ECC, and AECC coordinate with the command to take prompt action to correct deficiencies identified during TAVs, FAVs, and HQMC ECEs.

(j) Submit a completed CAR to EA within 14 calendar days of receiving a finalized TAV or FAV report. The CAR must include specific objective evidence of remediation (e.g., photos, work orders) or a definitive plan of action and milestones (POA&M) for corrective actions, subsequent training, and procedural changes implemented to prevent recurrence.

(k) Per reference (c), immediately request the appointment of an investigating officer through MAGTFCTC, MCAGCC Staff Judge Advocate when an environmental related incident occurs resulting in significant property loss, may cause significant damage to the environment, or may involve individual misconduct.

(l) Provide constructive feedback and suggestions to EA to continuously improve the ECE Self Audit Program.

(m) In addition to the requirements outlined above, non-MAGTFCTC units shall adhere to the directives issued by their higher headquarters concerning this program. In cases of conflicting guidance, the more stringent requirements will take precedence.

(2) AC/S, G-4

(a) Provide the funding, personnel, and material resources necessary for EA to successfully execute the ECE Self Audit Program.

(b) Direct EA to coordinate, supervise, and conduct the ECE Self Audit Program.

(c) Direct EA to deliver formal FAV results and completed CARs to the Command Inspector General's office and document all inspection findings within the Marine Corps Environmental Compliance and Management System or its designated successor system.

(3) ECO, ECCs, and AECCs

(a) Act as the direct point of contact for all unit environmental compliance and sustainability matters.

(b) Maintain digital copies of all current environmental directives, TAVs, FAVs, and CARs within a standardized digital unit environmental folder structure on Microsoft Teams.

(c) Coordinate all unit training, TAV, FAV, and ECE schedules directly with EA.

(d) Coordinate and confirm the attendance of COs, OICs, Executive Officers, ACs/S, Div/Dirs, and Special Staff for FAV in-briefs and out-briefs.

(e) Remain physically present and available as the primary guide and point of contact during the execution of all TAVs, FAVs, and ECEs.

c. Coordinating Instructions. For immediate questions or support regarding the Self Audit Program, units will contact their designated Compliance Support Branch (CSB) inspector or the CSB supervisor.

5. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center orders and bulletins are located at:
<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-1-Manpower-Directorate/Adjutant/#combat-center-orders>.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all command organizations, units, tenant activities, and contractors aboard MCAGCC.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


M. H. CLINGAN

Distribution: A

AUG 21 2026

Definitions and Discussion

1. ECE Self Audit Program

(a) Program Composition. The Environmental Compliance Evaluation (ECE) Self Audit Program consists of triennial Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC)-sponsored ECEs and a continuous, localized Self Audit Program. The program provides commanders with an objective assessment of their command's environmental compliance status, mirroring the methodology and rigor of an Inspector General of the Marine Corps inspection.

(b) Program Scope. The program is a systematic, official, independent, and objective examination of the installation's environmental management programs. ECEs are highly formalized reviews conducted in accordance with reference (a) and (b) by professionally qualified environmental evaluators. The program is executed for Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) by the Environmental Affairs (EA) division, Compliance Support Branch (CSB).

(c) Command Self-Audit Responsibility. The self-audit program is designed for Commanding Officers (COs), Assistant Chiefs of Staff (ACs/S), Division Directors (Div/Dirs), and Special Staff Officers to assess environmental compliance within their designated areas of responsibility. It consists of internal Technical Assist Visits (TAVs) and Formal Assist Visits (FAVs).

(d) Environmental Media Areas. The program focuses on environmental practices across several media areas, to include:

- (1) Natural and cultural resources
- (2) Hazardous waste management
- (3) Air and water quality
- (4) Underground and aboveground storage tanks
- (5) National Environmental Policy Act compliance
- (6) Solid waste management

(e) Program Objective. The goal of the program is to assess compliance by inspecting every permitted site, source, and waste-generating process that may impact the environment. Every command, unit, tenant activity, and contractor aboard the Combat Center is subject to these environmental requirements.

2. Technical Assist Visit (TAV)

(a) Definition. An unofficial, collaborative evaluation of a unit, command, or activity designed to mirror the criteria of a FAV.

(b) Execution Window. TAVs are typically scheduled and conducted between October and March of each fiscal year (FY).

(c) Intent. TAVs serve as an early-FY diagnostic tool and practical training mechanism to help units identify vulnerabilities, gauge progress, and maintain a high-quality compliance posture.

AUG 21 2026

(d) Reporting and Correction. TAV results are provided directly to the unit Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO), Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC), and Alternate Environmental Compliance Coordinator (AECC).

(e) No formal report is routed to higher headquarters unless requested by the unit, or if a major, systemic environmental hazard is identified.

(f) Unit commanders shall ensure prompt corrective actions are taken. The unit must submit a completed Corrective Action Report (CAR) to EA within 14 calendar days of the TAV's completion, signed by the unit ECO or ECC.

3. Formal Assist Visit (FAV)

(a) Definition. An official, recorded evaluation of a unit, command, or activity.

(b) Execution Window. FAVs are typically scheduled and conducted between April and September of each FY.

(c) Reporting and Correction. FAV results are formally provided to the unit ECO, ECC, AECC, and the unit CO/Director.

(d) Commanders, ACs/S, Div/Dirs, and Special Staff Officers shall ensure prompt, documented remediation of all identified deficiencies.

(e) The unit must submit a completed CAR to EA within 14 calendar days of receiving the finalized FAV report. The CAR must be personally signed by the unit CO or Director.

4. Environmental Recordkeeping

(a) Command Ownership. Commands bear direct responsibility for maintaining comprehensive, audit-ready environmental records.

(b) Inspection Access. During all compliance evaluations, inspectors will review all pertinent environmental folders, logs, permits, and training rosters to verify that proper documentation of environmental programs is maintained.

5. ECE Self Audit Team. To ensure objective and comprehensive evaluations, EA will establish and maintain a dedicated ECE Self Audit Team charged with scheduling, executing, and documenting all localized MCAGCC self-evaluations.

6. Command Investigation

(a) Definition. A formal administrative investigation functions to gather, analyze, and record relevant information regarding an incident of primary interest to command authorities.

(b) Limitations. Command investigations shall not be used to inquire into incidents that have the potential to cause significant environmental damage or invite civil/criminal litigation. In such cases, a litigation report investigation or a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Manual investigation must be conducted in accordance with reference (d).

7. Corrective Action Report (CAR)

(a) Purpose. The CAR is the official document completed by the evaluated unit to address and close out every deficiency identified during a TAV, FAV, or ECE.

(b) Requirements. The CAR must contain: Specific, objective evidence that each deficiency has been corrected, or a definitive milestone timeline for completion. A summary of subsequent training or procedural changes implemented to prevent recurrence.

(c) Objective Evidence Standards. Supporting documentation includes, but is not limited to photographs, hazardous waste manifests, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) DD Form 1348-1A (Issue Release/Receipt Document), bills of lading, logbook entries, training certificates, attendance rosters, sampling reports, and inspection logs.

(d) Photographic Evidence Standards. Any photographs submitted as objective evidence must contain:

- (1) Name of the photographer.
- (2) Date and time of the photograph.
- (3) Exact location (building number, grid coordinate, or facility name).
- (4) A concise description of the corrective action shown.

(e) Timeline. The completed CAR shall be submitted to EA no later than 14 calendar days after the unit's receipt of the finalized TAV, FAV, or ECE report.

8. Environmental Standard Operating Procedures (ESOPs). All authorized installation ESOPs and corresponding compliance checklists are maintained digitally. Units can access these documents within the designated unit environmental folder on Microsoft Teams, or via the official installation portal at: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-4-Installation-Support-Directorate/Environmental-Affairs/#environmental-sops>.

Commands and Divisions

1. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines
2. 23rd Dental, 1st Dental Battalion
3. 2d Battalion, 7th Marines
4. 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
5. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
6. 3d Battalion, 7th Marines
7. 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
8. 7th Marine Regiment
9. Inspector Instructor Staff, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion
10. Adult Medical Care Center
11. Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association
12. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 Manpower
13. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Marine Air Ground Task Force Training
14. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Installation Support
15. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 Information Communications
16. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-7 Government External Affairs
17. Aviation Ground Support Detachment
18. Center Logistics Division
19. Cherokee Federal
20. Combat Center Fire Department
21. Safety Office, Mission Assurance
22. Combat Logistics Battalion 7
23. Comptroller
24. Defense Commissary Agency
25. Exercise Logistics Coordination Center
26. Environmental Affairs
27. Exercise Support Division
28. Facilities Engineering Acquisitions Division
29. Headquarters Battalion

30. Family Housing
31. Human Resources Office
32. Inspector General
33. J&J
34. Legal Services Support Team
35. Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School
36. Marine Corps Community Services
37. Marine Corps Hospitality Services
38. Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group
39. Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group
40. Mercy Air
41. Mission Assurance
42. Naval Criminal Investigative Service
43. Naval Hospital 29 Palms
44. Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society
45. Navy Personnel
46. NuGate Group
47. Provost Marshal's Office
48. Protocol
49. Public Works Division
50. Religious Ministries Division
51. Reserve Support Site Group
52. Ron Jon
53. Security
54. Southwest Regional Fleet Transportation
55. Special Security Office
56. Staff Judge Advocate
57. Tactical Training Exercise Control Group
58. Veterinary Services
59. Western Area Research Test and Evaluation Center