

**Finding of No Significant Impact**  
Programmatic Environmental Assessment of  
Implementation of the Fiscal Year 2004 Integrated Pest Management Plan,  
Fort Riley, Kansas

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) is based upon a comprehensive examination of probable environmental consequences resulting from implementation of the Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP) on Fort Riley. The environmental consequences are documented fully in the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Fiscal Year 2004 IPMP, which is incorporated by reference and may be released for public review as an attachment to this FNSI. Information in this FNSI is limited to an overview of key elements of the EA, including conclusions regarding the types and degree of environmental impact that is expected to occur as a result of the proposed action.

**Proposed Action and Alternatives Considered:** The proposed action is full implementation of the 2004 IPMP. The 2004 IPMP details Fort Riley's Pest Management Program at Fort Riley, which is designed to employ chemical and nonchemical control measures to achieve effective pest control with minimal environmental impact. Pest control is needed to prevent interference with military operations and to minimize nuisance pest infestation among post inhabitants and the general public. Additionally, this plan includes methods for controlling pests in food and housing areas, the elimination of pests destructive to post facilities, and the control of destructive pests on ornamental, turf, and landscaped areas. This plan identifies the existing pests at Fort Riley and characterizes their destructive abilities. This plan provides guidance for operating and maintaining an effective pest management program.

Principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) are stressed in this plan. IPM uses the best mix of available control methods for achieving the most effective, economic and environmentally safe pest management possible. Use of the information contained in this plan and adherence to the IPM principles would ensure the selection and implementation of effective control measures are both economically and environmentally acceptable.

The "No Action" Alternative is one in which the IPMP is not implemented and thus, there would be no integrated approach to pest management on Fort Riley. Principles of IPM would not be employed. Pest management would continue to be conducted in support of military training and would comply with state and federal legal requirements.

**Anticipated Environmental Effects:** Environmental concerns resulting from the two alternatives were identified during a critical review process that included an examination of published information, site visits, interviews with Fort Riley personnel, and assessment of potential impact by an EA team. No significant adverse effects were identified with either of the alternatives considered in this EA.

The proposed action is consistent with current military standards and criteria, and designed to be integrated to the greatest extent possible with the mission of the post. Compliance with the plan also would ensure that proper regulatory procedures have been followed. Maintenance of the plan would be provided by technical on-site program reviews, and annual updates by the Installation Pest Management Coordinator with assistance from other

professionals pursuant to Army Regulations. All objectives outlined in this plan are to be reviewed on a five-year cycle. Major revisions based on new regulations, laws, and mission changes should be incorporated into the plan at the five-year review cycle.

Full implementation of the IPMP is anticipated to have overall positive impact to all six major environmental areas: land use, natural resources, cultural resources, human health and safety, sociological environment and military training. Beneficial effects are anticipated for all major attributes of these six areas. Therefore, this is the preferred alternative. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense, Department of the Army and State of Kansas regulations and guidance are incorporated into IPMP. The goals, objectives, and established procedures of the IPMP are consistent with agency regulations and guidance. The IPMP emphasizes that all chemical applications would follow specific label directions, which is the EPA's letter of the law for use of chemicals.

There would be no formal, integrated plan for the management of pests under the "No Action" Alternative. The absence of a formal set of management measures inhibits an installation's ability to adequately engage in future strategic planning and new initiatives. It would not capture benefits derived from identifying and executing comprehensive, integrated pest management actions. Also, there would be no formal set of goals and objectives established for the natural resources management program that explicitly guides pest management. Therefore, this is not the preferred alternative.

**Conclusion:** Results of the evaluation of consequences associated with the proposed action and No Action alternatives indicate that no significant adverse environmental impact would occur as a result of the full implementation of the 2004 IPMP. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this action.

**Public Comment:** Persons wishing to comment may obtain a copy of the EA or inquire regarding the FNSI by writing to Mr. David Jones, Directorate of Environment and Safety, 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442-6016. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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