

**CHARTER**  
**Joint Environmental Surveillance Work Group**  
**of the**  
**Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group**

1. REFERENCES

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6490.3, "Implementation and Application of Joint Medical Surveillance for Deployments," 7 August 1997.
- b. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.1, "DoD Safety and Occupational Health Program," August 19, 1998.
- c. DASG-HS-PM (JPMPG Chair) Memo, "Joint Environmental Surveillance Work Group," 20 Oct 1997.
- d. Statement by the President, "Special Report of Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses," November 8, 1997.
- e. DoD 5136.1-P, "Medical Readiness Strategic Plan (MRSP) 1998 – 2004," August 1998.

2. PURPOSE. The Joint Environmental Surveillance Working Group (JESWG) will review, develop, and recommend functional aspects of deployment occupational and environmental health surveillance (DOEHS) policy for consideration by the Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group (JPMPG) in support of Joint Medical Surveillance. The JESWG will work under the direction of the JPMPG and develop DOEHS requirements with a vision, goals, and business plan consistent with the Medical Readiness Strategic Plan

3. SCOPE

- Uniform joint policy on environmental health surveillance for deployments.
- Uniform joint policy on health risk-based force protection exposure guidance for various types of deployments.
- Serve as an information and coordination exchange for environmental health surveillance issues among the Military Department's preventive medicine leadership through the JPMPG.
- Advise the JPMPG on the environmental health surveillance content of the preventive medicine Appendix of the Medical Annex of Joint Operations Plans.
- Evaluate joint environmental health surveillance programs and policies for the JPMPG.
- Recommend manpower and equipment needs for fully operational teams for occupational and environmental exposure missions.
- Recommend research priorities relevant to military environmental health surveillance.

- In coordination with the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, DIA, reference, develop, and maintain country or region-specific Armed Forces environmental health intelligence requirements for joint operations. The JESWG will review and update these recommendations annually.

4. ORGANIZATION and MEMBERSHIP.

The JESWG shall be composed of the following members:

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (Army)	Chair & Military Dept lead member
USAF IERA, Occupational and Environmental Health Directorate (Air Force)	Military Dept lead member
U.S. Navy Environmental Health Center (Navy)	Military Dept lead member
Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center (DoD)	Member
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)	Member
Preventive Medicine, Office of the Army Surgeon General	Member
Preventive Medicine, Office of the Navy Surgeon General	Member
Preventive Medicine, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General	Member
Preventive Medicine, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps	Member
Joint Staff, J-4 Medical Readiness Division	Member
Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiology Board	Member
Armed Forces Pest Management Board	Member
AMEDD Center and School (Preventive Medicine and Combat Developments)	Member
U.S. Coast Guard (Preventive Medicine)	ex-officio representative
Veterans Administration (Preventive Medicine)	ex-officio representative
Ad hoc Service designated experts & civilian expert consultants, as identified to the JPMPG , for assigned tasks	Members

5. PROCEDURES.

- a. The Chair will convene the JESWG as required. Each Military Department lead member must be present for a meeting to be convened. Minutes will be prepared by a designated secretary, approved by the Working Group, signed by the Chair, and forwarded to the JPMPG for approval.

- b. Policy recommendations to the JPMPG will developed by consensus of the Military Department lead representatives (i.e., no non-concurrences).
- c. Budgetary requirements and administrative support will be coordinated with the JPMPG.

6. DELIVERABLES.

- Concept for Joint EHS.
- Evaluate existing joint EHS policy and identify changes needed to implement the DODI (reference 1b).
- Develop a Joint Service Instruction, or coordinate individual Service instructions or regulations, to implement DoDI 6490.3.
- Develop an EHS Strategic Plan for implementing Joint EHS policy & procedures.
- Develop an EHS Procedures Manual, to include procedures for Operational Risk Management
- Develop an Occupational & Environmental Health Exposure Assessment Model to describe standard procedures for measuring & recording exposures as part of the longitudinal patient record.
- Evaluate existing EHS capabilities throughout the Services and identify the functional requirements, required resources, research, and integration of existing surveillance capabilities necessary to implement recommended joint EHS policy.
- In coordination with the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, develop region-specific recommendations for EHS for joint operations.
- Provide written reviews of Service generated technical information for the JPMPG.

7. DURATION OF THE WORK GROUP. The Work Group will be chartered through FY 2002 with the option to continue, if needed, at the direction of the JPMPG.

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## DEFINITIONS

Environmental Health Surveillance - The continuous process of assessing potential exposures, health effects, recommending risk reduction options, and evaluating risk reduction methods' effectiveness for chemicals of concern, pathogens, disease vectors (arthropods and rodents); food service sanitation; and radioactive materials in the media of air, soil, and water. It also includes surveillance of health effects from heat, cold, non-ionizing radiation (radio frequency , microwave and laser), and noise. It does not include surveillance of psychological stressors; chemical or biological weapons effects; safety hazards (ground, vehicle, aviation); or environmental management actions to comply with U.S. or host nation environmental compliance, cleanup, or pollution prevention laws or regulations.