

Environmental Management Procedure (EMP) 4.4.6.12 Tab 9

Subject: Imported Fire Ant Quarantine

1. Purpose: This EMP establishes the procedures for implementation of the Compliance Agreement (ref D of this EMP) Imported Fire Ant (IFA) Quarantine, reducing the risk of introducing the IFA into areas outside of the Quarantine area. The Quarantine has been established to restrict the movement of articles that may harbor and transport Imported Fire Ants into uninfested areas.
2. Document Control: This is a controlled document. Controlled documents are updated as required, reviewed at least annually, and re-dated if changed. Any documents to include blank forms appearing in paper form are not controlled and should be checked against the file version prior to use on the:

JBLE – Eustis Environmental website: <http://www.jble.af.mil/Units/Army/Eustis-Enviromental/>

3. References:
 - A. JBLE-I 32-101, Environmental Management
 - B. EMP Dictionary
 - C. EMP 4.4.6.12 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - D. JBLE-Eustis Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP)
4. Scope: This EMP applies to all Activities and personnel, including military, civilians, vendors, suppliers, and contractor personnel who enter JBLE-Eustis. The definition of an Activity can be found in JBLE I 32-101.
5. Roles and Responsibilities:
 - The Installation Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) received surveillance reports from the BOS Contractor and directs control actions as appropriate. Assists in ensuring compliance of the federal quarantine by advising the chain of command on criteria in the quarantine.
 - CED Operations Flight Base Operating Services (BOS) Contractor conducts surveillance for Red Imported Fire Ants in accordance with the BOS contract and the JBLE-Eustis Integrated Pest Management Plan.
 - The Pest Management Quality Assurance Evaluator (PMQAE) will ensure the BOS Contractor ensures performed Red Imported Fire Ant surveillance is performed, documented and results reported to the IPMC in accordance with BOS contract and the JBLE-Eustis Integrated Pest Management Plan.
 - Army Support Activity (ASA), CED Engineering Flight and CED Operation Flight staff whose projects require movement of regulated articles (such as soil) will determine the destination of soil and other regulated articles to be removed for their projects and include the name and address of the receiving facility in related Environmental Impact Assessment Process documents. In cases where the soil will be transported to a location outside of the quarantine area, ASA/Programs/Operations Flight will ensure the responsible contractor is in a cooperative agreement with Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to transport the soil to this location. A copy of the VDACS certificate clearing removal of the soil will be maintained and a copy forwarded to the Environmental Element.
 - All DoD staff and civilian contractors will adhere to the requirements of the VDACS Imported Fire Ant Quarantine.

- RCI will notify occupants prior to vacating quarters of this quarantine and ensure restricted articles are not transported outside of the quarantine area. RCI will ensure soil is not transported outside of the quarantine area unless Balfour Beatty Communities is in a cooperative agreement with VDACS to transport the soil to such locations.
- Issue firewood permits when appropriate and only if compliance is met with existing quarantines associated with insect pests or other conditions.
- Provide mulch when available and only if compliance is met with existing quarantines associated with insect pests or other conditions.
- Regulated articles restricted under the quarantine:
 - (1). Any life stage of imported fire ant.
 - (2). Soil, except potting soil that is shipped in original containers after commercial preparation, and soil samples shipped to approved labs.
 - (3). Plants with roots, rhizomes, and plants roots and rhizomes with soil attached.
 - (4). Grass sod.
 - (5). Used soil moving equipment, unless free of all non-compacted soil (earth moving equipment such as hand shovels, backhoes, bulldozers, etc.).
 - (6). Used farm equipment, unless free of all non-compacted soil .
 - (7). Hay and straw, including pine straw that has been stored in direct contact with soil
 - (8). Honey bee hives and honey bee stands that have been in direct contact with the soil
 - (9). Logs, pulpwood, mulch, and stump wood with soil attached
 - (10). Any other article or means of conveyance when determined that it presents a risk of spreading the imported fire ant

6. Quarantine regulated areas

The 9 Cities and 2 Counties listed to include all military installations within those cities and counties

Counties

1. James City County
2. York County

Cities

1. Chesapeake
2. Hampton
3. Newport News
4. Norfolk
5. Poquoson
6. Portsmouth
7. Suffolk
8. Virginia Beach
9. Williamsburg

7. Movement of regulated articles is based on the following.

- (1) Movement within regulated area – movement of regulated articles solely within the quarantine area is allowed without restriction
 - (2) Movement from quarantine area to non-quarantine area – only allowed if regulated article is accompanied by a certificate or limited permit issued only by Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services IAW this quarantine
 - (3) Movement from non-regulated area through regulated area – regulated articles that originate outside the quarantine area may move through the quarantine area if
 - (1) Accompanied by a certificate or limited permit
 - (2) Accompanied by a waybill that indicates point of origin
 - (3) Regulated article moves directly through regulated area without stopping
 - (4) Regulated article has not been commingled or combined with other articles
 - (4) Movement from quarantined area through non–quarantined area
 - (1) Accompanied by a certificate or limited permit or
 - (2) Accompanied by a waybill that indicates point of origin
 - (3) Regulated article that moves direct through regulated area without stopping
 - (4) Regulated article has not been commingled or combined with other articles
8. Permits and certificates by Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- (1) Once criteria has been met may be issued by an inspector
 - (2) Issued by any person operating under a compliance agreement
9. Compliance agreements
- (1) Any person or organization growing, handling or moving regulated articles may enter into a compliance agreement when a VDACS inspector determines that the person understands the requirements and obligations of the quarantine
 - (2) Failure to comply with the quarantine will result in cancellation of compliance agreement
 - (3) To enter into compliance agreement contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
10. Assembly and Inspection of regulated articles
- (1). Persons who desire to move regulated article intrastate shall apply for VDACS inspection as far in advance as practical but no less than 5 business days before regulated article is to be moved
 - (2). Regulated articles must be assembled at the place and in a manner the VDACS inspector designates as necessary to facilitate inspection and shall be safeguarded from infestation
11. Attachment and disposition of certificates and limited permits
- (1). Certificate or limited permit must be attached at all times during intrastate movement to the outside of the container which contains the regulated article or to the regulated article itself. May also be attached to the consignee's copy of waybill as long as the regulated article is sufficiently described on the certificate or limited permit
 - (2). Certificate or limited permit must be furnished by the carrier to consignee at the destination point. In addition a copy of the certificate or limited permit must be retained by the sender at place of shipment.
12. Inspection and disposal
- (1). Upon presentation of official credentials, a VDACS inspector is authorized to stop and inspect, and to seize, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, or require disposal of regulated articles as provided within the Virginia Pest law.

