

INTEGRATED NATURAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Introduction:

The general goals of the DLA-Strategic Materials (DLA-SM) Integrated Natural/Cultural Resources Management Plan (INCRMP) are:

1. Identify natural/cultural resources, if any exist, and operational actions that may: compromise the function and composition of ecosystems; cause adverse effects to historic structures; or disturb/damage archaeological resources, and develop remedies, such as best management practices (BMPs), through adaptive management.
2. In a manner consistent with DLA-SM mission and security constraints, assess, sustain, and enhance: healthy terrestrial and aquatic habitats that provide services and values in an ecosystem; determined historic structures; and any newly discovered or known archaeological resources.
3. Integrate the INCRMP with local, state, and federal environmental programs and initiatives to the maximum extent possible.

Natural/Cultural resources constraints may include limiting certain activities or prohibiting access to restricted areas to preclude damage to important natural/cultural resources and comply with prevailing laws and regulations. These constraints can include known locations of federally listed and other special status species of flora/fauna, areas preferentially managed for special status species, and areas with a regulatory driver, such as migratory bird nesting sites, historically significant structures, or archaeological burial mounds.

Scope:

The following statements have been drawn from the results of the Scotia Depot and Hammond Depot natural and cultural resources assessments conducted between 1998 and 2001.

1. Testing surveys have yielded no evidence for archaeological resources at either Depot.
2. All existing buildings/structures at both Depots have been determined ineligible to be nominated for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and therefore, historic context does not need to be considered in future management activities.
3. Further planning level surveys, biological inventories, and an integrated natural resources management program are not needed for these sites.

Therefore, Scotia Depot and Hammond Depot and their immediate and general industrialized land area are suitable for their stated purposes now and for the foreseeable future.

The DLA-SM Hawthorne Depot will comply with the natural/cultural resources management requirements of the Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) host facility.

However, if any significant changes to flora or fauna of either Depot are noted or if the mission of either site changes beyond the current scope of actions, natural/cultural resources specialists should be consulted early in the planning process.

The Hammond Depot staff have been keenly aware of recently visiting Snowy Owls, Killdeer, and Bald Eagles within the facility boundaries. Killdeer are listed as being protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Bald Eagles are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act and The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Snowy Owls are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The Hammond Depot Facility Maintenance Services (FMS) contractors conduct outside/landscaping activities and are very aware of these possible visiting creatures. As a BMP, the FMS contractors will halt any activity they believe may cause adverse effects to either of these creatures if they have been discovered within the facility boundaries in the future and they will report their findings to the Depot Environmental Protection Specialist.

A natural resources specialist will be consulted, as necessary, as a BMP for the adaptive management techniques involving one or more of these supposed protected bird species.

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