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ITRC SMALL ARMS RANGE TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



The Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) Small Arms Range Team (SMART) has published a comprehensive guidance document entitled *Environmental Management at Operational Outdoor Small Arms Firing Ranges*. The document, developed in collaboration with the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC), informs range managers and community stakeholders of current design and management options for the improved operation of small arms firing ranges. Highlights include lessons learned from small arms range projects and the *Army Small Arms Training Range Environmental Best Management Practices (BMPs) Manual* that USAEC has developed over the last decade. BMP expertise is currently being transferred to field-users of small arms range technologies through free training sessions, offered on the Internet and in the classroom.



The ITRC SMART team has developed an Internet-based training module to reach a geographically diverse audience of range personnel, regulators and other members of the environmental community. This training method creates a unique forum for the exchange of technical and regulatory information covering the operation small arms firing ranges. The training session takes approximately two hours to complete and contains a question-and-answer period that encourages interaction between the participant and the instructor, much like a classroom-based session. The module has been modified to suit on-site training for use at conferences, where face-to-face interaction makes the training even more effective. This effort allows the Department of Defense (DoD) to ensure that range managers and operators have access to the Internet training at heavily attended Army conferences, nationwide.

For more information

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The training programs developed by the ITRC SMART team and USAEC leverage in-house efforts and simultaneously create regulatory acceptance with technical training. State regulators have the opportunity to attend the trainings, so the range community has an understanding that any techniques they employ from this training will automatically have high degree of regulatory acceptance. By taking this training, participants will be able to identify range operations and monitoring that,

when appropriately designed, will enable range managers to cost-effectively operate small arms ranges without endangering the environment or range users, including soldiers.

For information on training opportunities visit the ITRC Web site at www.itrcweb.org.



Technical Guideline

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