Your Mission is to Work Safely!

…and we want to assist you in getting there. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is made up of the Headquarters, 9 Major Subordinate Commands, 45 Districts and 12 Center/Labs. The type of work accomplished by each Corps entity is mission-dependent. Some are heavily involved in Civil Works missions (locks, dams, lakes, recreation etc.), some have Military Programs missions (barracks, hospitals, other military construction, etc), and some have a combination of both. Regardless of the type of work you are performing for the Corps, the goal is to have that work performed safely.

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The following link will take you to the Corps website: http://www.usace.army.mil/about/Pages/Mission.aspx will take you to the Corps website where you will be able to learn more about the Corps mission and find Corps office locations near you.

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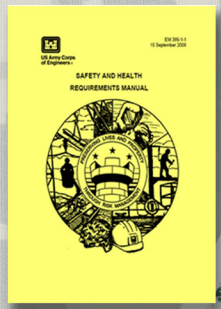


BUILDING STRONG®...SAFELY!

Your Guide to a Successful Safety Program

Thank you for your interest in contracting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps takes pride in our outstanding safety record which falls far below the national average for accidents (both construction and O&M related). Our record has not happened by accident, it has been achieved by development and implementation of our program over many years. As a contractor, you are a vital part of our program, by providing services in a safe and healthy manner.

The information in this brochure has been developed to provide an introduction to Corps Safety Program Requirements and your responsibilities as a Corps Contractor.

Engineering Manual (EM) 385-1-1

The EM 385-1-1 was first published in 1941. It was developed 30 years before OSHA regulations existed and tends to be a bit more stringent than some OSHA standards. The EM 385-1-1 has been adopted by Department of the Army, Navy, and Air Force as well as numerous contractors that choose to follow the EM on their jobs.

Because the EM 385-1-1 is a comprehensive set of safety standards, it is large and takes into consideration many hazards and topic areas. It can be intimidating.

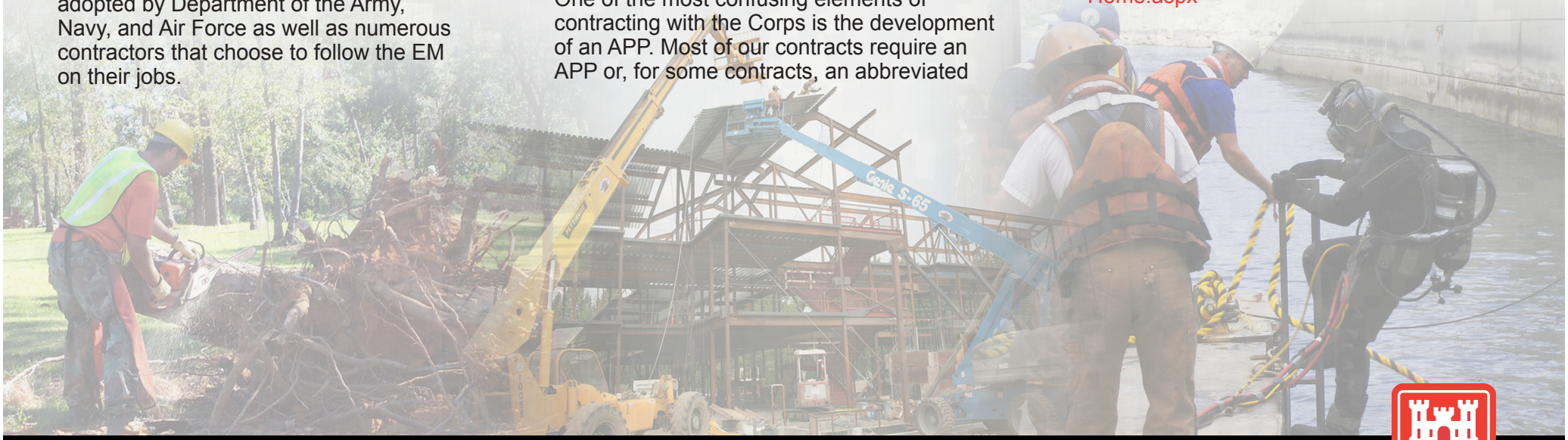
SO…WHERE DO I START?

Here is the secret to your safety success: Read the introductory letter, Section 1 and Appendix A. These 3 areas will detail what you need to know and what you need to submit to get started. The other Sections of the EM 385-1-1 are technical standards that pertain to specific hazards. If the hazards don't pertain to your job with the Corps, you don't need to even browse through them.

A searchable, electronic version of the manual and any interim changes can be found at this link: http://140.194.76.129/publications/eng-manuals/em385-1-1/2008_English/toc.html

Accident Prevention Plan (APP)

One of the most confusing elements of contracting with the Corps is the development of an APP. Most of our contracts require an APP or, for some contracts, an abbreviated APP. The APP is more than a paperwork drill - it is the written document that defines how you are going to manage your safety program during the contract. Where an APP is required, the APP must be submitted and accepted by the Corps prior to the performance of any work. You will find that elements within the APP, such as Activity Hazard Analyses (AHAs), will be developed and added to the APP during the contract. The AHAs are based on the specific phases of work and hazards and are developed by referencing the additional sections of the EM as needed.

The outline for your APP can be found in Appendix A of EM385-1-1.

Additional electronic tools, forms, templates and checklists have been developed to assist you with implementation of your safety and health program. They can be found on the HQ Safety Website at this link: http://www.usace.army.mil/CESO/Pages/Home.aspx