

Scope of USMC OHP

- Responsibility: 174,000 active duty, 16,000 civil service personnel, plus dependants.
- Industrial Hygienists at HQMC
 - 1 Active Duty O-4
 - 1 Civilian PHD.
- Industrial Hygienists assigned MC Units:
 - 6 Industrial Hygiene Officers (IHO)
 - 3 Civil service IH's

USMC OHP Issues

- Support to deployed Marine Corps units
- Involvement in systems acquisition process.
- Support for reserve units.

Issue 1 - Deployment Support

- BUMED provides IH/OH support to MC as well as Navy units.
- Shortage of BUMED IHO/RHO billets.
- DODI 6490.3 increases IH/OH responsibilities.

Issue 2 - Involvement In Systems Acquisition Process

- New equipment design and testing needs thorough evaluations by IH personnel.
- MARCORSSYSCOM, MCCDC R&D, and outside contractors.
- Reduction of redesign/retrofit expenditures, equipment downtime, and increase personnel safety/readiness.

Issue 3 - IH/OH Support to Reserve Units

- Over 200 Marine reserve units are located throughout the United States and possessions.
- Many have not received minimal IH services.
- Increased mobilization of reserves.