

## **First Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) course for Korea**

Twenty-five Officers and NCO's of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (ID) attended the first Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) Course on the Korean Peninsula from 3-7 May 25 on Camp Casey. SSG Marvin Wideman 2<sup>nd</sup> ID G3 Training Management NCO instructed this 40-hour course combining his prior ECO experiences and current academic studies in Environmental Science. Mike Walker from the Directorate of Environmental Integration (DEI) assisted SSG Wideman with the development and instruction of this Korea specific ECO course. Students learned how to conduct environmental awareness training, perform self-assessments, environmental risk assessments, and how to coordinate with the installation environmental staff for assistance. SSG Wideman enhanced this course by inviting members from the Area 1 Environmental Office, Camp Casey Safety Office, HAZMART, KORO, CHPPM, and 8th Army to provide briefings on their respective programs that relate to the environment. Army Regulation 200-1 Environmental Protection and Enhancement states that Commanders will appoint and train Environmental Compliance Officers at appropriate levels to insure compliance actions take place. Future ECO courses will be offered by 2<sup>nd</sup> ID G3 schools on Camp Casey at a date to be determined. The Directorate of Environmental Integration can assist installations with development of an ECO course or other environmental training needs. Contact Mike Walker at 573-563-4119 or [walkerm@wood.army.mil](mailto:walkerm@wood.army.mil) for more information.