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MEMORANDUM FOR All South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) Personnel

SUBJECT: SDARNG Environmental Policy

1. References: AR 200-1 Environmental Protection and Enhancement, December 2007; ATP 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations, August 2015; ARNG Environmental Management System (eMS) Installation Implementation Guidance, January 2017; SDARNG Commitment to Environmental Stewardship, June 2024.

2. Purpose: To establish and implement policy that promotes environmental sustainability and stewardship as an integral part of our culture, that works to enhance our communities and fulfill the SDARNG mission.

a. The SDARNG eMS and Environmental Policy is proactive, sustainable, command-driven, and mission-focused. The SDARNG is committed to following the law, pollution prevention, and continually improving upon environmental protection and enhancement. The ENV policy is to:

(1) **Follow the Law**: All members of the SDARNG will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws, rules, regulations, and other requirements as stated in AR 200-1 & ATP 3-34.5 and strive to promote the SDARNG Commitments to Environmental Stewardship, Enclosure 1. All members of the SDARNG are empowered to make decisions that protect the environment.

(2) **Don't Pollute**: Leaders and program managers will develop and implement pollution prevention control strategies that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants or wastes from aspects associated with any activities, products, and services (APS) associated with SDARNG missions and operations. The SDARNG's Important Aspect is Waste Diversion. The objective is to achieve a **61% waste diversion** rate across the SDARNG by a target date of 2025. We are accomplishing this goal now. DOD has set a 75% waste diversion goal for 2030. These goals take effort throughout the organization, and at all levels, to accomplish.

(3) **Continually Improve**: All members of the SDARNG will continually improve upon processes and commitments that lead to successful environmental stewardship, sustainability, & performance, and support mission-focused management systems by working with commands, directorates, units, and Soldiers.

b. SDARNG will enable the Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) as the primary means to set and review environmental aspects and impacts with objectives and targets that promote continued improvement for all APS within this organization.

c. The eMS is a systematic process of establishing priorities, managing and reducing environmental impacts, continually improving, and ultimately increasing readiness through sustainable programs. The Environmental Policy provides a proactive system for enabling environmental stewardship and sustainability. It assists the SDARNG in preserving, protecting, conserving, and restoring the quality of the environment in which we have a potential to impact, and helps to maintain the availability of training lands and facilities.

d. An eMS is not the implementation of programs simply to meet regulatory requirements and avoid negative consequences. Effective environmental management uses eMS to support mission requirements, accomplishment and sustainability while integrating environmental goals throughout Army culture. Like the responsibility for safety, it should be a part of the daily workforce routine and incorporated into planning at all levels. It is the collective responsibility of every employee.

e. This policy works to ensure that the Army Environmental Policy is implemented and, maintained, and communicated to all SDARNG entities, and that APS will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws, regulations, executive orders; develop and implement pollution prevention and control strategies; strive to achieve continual improvement; and establish environmental priorities in consideration of the benefits to the sustainment of missions and operations, as stated in AR 200-1.

3. Applicability: Commitment to the Environmental Policy goals are vital to this organization's mission accomplishment, readiness, and sustainability. This policy applies to all SDARNG personnel, employees, contractors, and tenants unless otherwise stated or excluded. This policy will be made available to the public upon request.

4. The point of contact for this policy is MAJ William Domagall, Environmental Program Manager, 605-737-6502, William.D.Domagall.mil@army.mil.



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