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

SUBJECT: SDARNG Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

1. References: AR 200-1, Environmental Quality, Protection and Enhancement, December 2007; SD PAM 200-1, February 2008; ATP 3-34, Environmental Considerations, August 2015; Army Environmental, Safety, & Occupational Health Strategy 2025, January 2017; and SDARNG Environmental Policy, April 2022.

2. Purpose: The SDARNG is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability as an integral part of its culture, mission, and community.

a. The Commitments of the SDARNG to Environmental Stewardship are to:

(1) Foster a culture and ethic within the SDARNG that goes beyond compliance to sustainability in environmental protection and enhancement.

(2) Strengthen SDARNG operational capability and mission accomplishment by reducing the environmental footprint through more sustainable practices.

(3) Proactively meet current and future training and mission requirements by sustaining land, air, and water resources through innovative technology and sustainable practices that meet user needs and anticipate future challenges.

(4) Minimize impacts of SDARNG materiel, facilities, and operations by integrating the principles and practices of sustainability and green procurement.

(5) Enhance the well-being of SDARNG soldiers, civilians, families, neighbors, and communities through leadership in sustainability and stewardship.

b. Environmental Stewardship is a proactive, values-based way of thinking and acting that helps to ensure the sustainability of our training areas and facilities, and the conservation of resources occurs now and into the future. It represents the environmental awareness of the Commander and unit personnel, and their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability in all that they do to accomplish the mission.

c. Sustainability is defined in ATP 3-34 as a process by which resources are used in a manner that allows their continued availability. A sustainable Army simultaneously meets current and future mission requirements (including safeguarding human health, improving quality of life, enhancing the natural environment, and being economically viable), which is consistent with the tenets of the Army Environmental, Safety, & Occupational Health Strategy. A sustainable installation is able to fully execute its present missions without compromising either its ability to accomplish future missions or the ability of its neighboring communities to realize their goals.

d. Sustainability is described by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the process of living within the limits of available physical, natural, and social resources in ways that allow the living systems in which humans are embedded to thrive in perpetuity. The concept of sustainability is composed of 3 principles or pillars: Environmental, Economic, and Social. These can also be referred to as “the planet”, “profits”, & “people”. This means creating and maintaining conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony. It is based on the principle that everything we need for survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural world.

3. Applicability: The Commitments to Environmental Stewardship are essential to this organization’s readiness, mission accomplishment, and sustainability. Culture and ethic of the SDARNG is responsible for how we steward our environment. Future Mission accomplishment is determined by what we have in the future to train with or on. Our Communities depend on our actions in Environmental Stewardship to succeed and thrive. This Statement applies to all SDARNG personnel.

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