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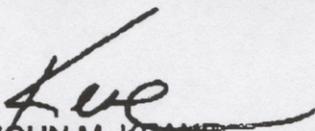
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Environmental Compliance

1. The Department of the Army Inspector General recently conducted an assessment of the Installation Environmental Compliance programs, focusing on management strategy, program integration, environmental training plans, and HQDA environmental program funding support. Assessment results indicated that Commanders and Green Tab Leaders at all levels must place the requisite emphasis on environmental programs.
2. Unless they are addressed in a proactive manner, environmental issues can lead to serious training restrictions and adverse mission impact. I expect each of you to develop and implement a formal management strategy that supports long-term mission sustainment. At a minimum, this strategy will focus on compliance, pollution prevention, and conservation to provide a mechanism for identifying new opportunities and defining ways to meet our stewardship responsibility as an integral part of our mission to maintain a trained and ready Army. This strategy will also include measurable goals and objectives.
3. Commanders will use their Environmental Quality Control Committees, in accordance with AR 200-1, as a tool to manage their Environmental Program. In addition to ensuring that environmental issues are integrated throughout the installation, these committees provide an excellent forum for developing and executing Installation Corrective Action Plans, reviewing progress toward achieving goals and objectives, and directing valuable resources. Installation Commanders will ensure that their environmental plans cover at least 5 years and include resource requirements.
4. With more than 17 million acres under its control, the Army is entrusted with the care of two-thirds of the Department of Defense lands. Environmental stewardship of these resources is our shared responsibility and will be our legacy well into the 21st century.


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