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MEMORANDUM THRU ~~ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY~~
~~DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF~~ ARVEL J. EDENS, JR., LTC, GS, DDECC 13 Jul 01

FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Army Environmental Management System – ACTION MEMORANDUM

Our goal is to actively promote mission readiness by continually upgrading environmental performance across Army installations. We want to improve the way environmental management supports the Army's mission. Therefore, I am directing that Army installations adopt the internationally recognized management system standard, ISO 14001, as a goal. Implementation of the standard will be incremental. It will be consistent with available funds and the requirements of Executive Order 13148, "Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management."

The importance of the Army's mission and Transformation demand a commitment to continual improvement in management practice. The purpose in adopting this standard is to use best-in-class business practices to enhance the Army's overall mission performance. This confirms Army's commitment to reducing risk and pollution, and to sustaining compliance.

Army installations already have strong environmental programs that include many elements of an environmental management system. Full use should be made of these existing capabilities. Installations may begin implementing ISO 14001 at any time. However, implementation shall be initiated NLT FY04, with an environmental management system in place NLT December 31, 2005. Full conformance with the ISO 14001 standard shall be completed NLT FY09. Third party registration to the standard is not required. However, installation commanders may pursue registration when it provides clear and documented mission benefits.

Request you advise the Major Commands of this new policy. Further request you prepare and brief me on an Implementation Plan within 60 days. Please prepare the plan in coordination with Mr. Michael Cain, (703) 614-9555 and Dr. Jean Shorett, (703) 602-0191.

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