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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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1. References.

- a. EO 13834, Efficient Federal Operations, 17 May 2018
- b. DoDI 4715.17, Environmental Management Systems, 31 August 2018
- c. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007
- d. FL Reg 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 1 November 2004
- e. The Army Strategy for the Environment, 1 October 2004.

2. Intent.

- a. To recognize the interdependence of mission, community and environment; and the consequent necessity of environmental protection and enhancement in sustaining the mission.
- b. To meet and exceed statutory and regulatory environmental requirements in order to facilitate continued training and mission support on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- c. To manage and mitigate installation environmental impacts through programs and operations that conform with the Army Strategy for the Environment.

3. Scope. This policy applies to all reserve and active component units, agencies, activities, contractors, concessionaires, and service providers working either permanently or temporarily on JBLM and its sub-installations.

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\*This policy statement supersedes JBLM PS #9 dated 20 July 2016 and PS#20 dated 3 January 2017.

4. General. The mission of Joint Base Lewis-McChord is to support troop unit readiness and Airlift capability. A critical component of maintaining Force readiness is the sustainability of our environmental resources, such as training areas and waterways. Equally critical is the well-being of Service members, their Families, the supporting workforce and surrounding communities. In order to sustain the mission and defend the nation, JBLM will protect and conserve the environment while striving to become a sustainable installation that preserves for tomorrow the same opportunities that exist today. In accomplishing our mission, we commit to:

- a. Comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies.
- b. Systematically identify, evaluate, and manage environmental impacts through active participation in the JBLM Environmental Management System (EMS), as prescribed by installation EMS Procedures.
- c. Continually improve through assessment and monitoring activities that identify the significant environmental impacts of our processes, and ensure those impacts are addressed and mitigated as part of all related planning and implementation.
- d. Establish pollution prevention as our preferred method for minimizing the use of hazardous material and the generation of hazardous waste/emissions from our installation processes and activities in order to meet or exceed Army goals for the prevention of pollution.
- e. Maximize participation in the JBLM recycling program. Commanders and Civilian managers are responsible for effective implementation of their organizations' recycling programs per the JBLM Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Guidelines, available at [https://home.army.mil/lewis-mcchord/index.php/my-Joint-Base-Lewis-Mcchord/all-services/public\\_works-environmental\\_division/recycling](https://home.army.mil/lewis-mcchord/index.php/my-Joint-Base-Lewis-Mcchord/all-services/public_works-environmental_division/recycling). Per these Guidelines and the Unit SOP template referenced therein, leaders shall appoint unit/organization Recycle Officers, preferably by incorporating such duties into existing unit/organization Environmental Officer responsibilities. To request recycling containers, or for more information, contact the Solid Waste Contract COR at (253) 966-1733.
- f. Fully integrate relevant environmental requirements into our standard work practices and procedures so environmental awareness and compliance are a routine part of daily business operations.

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g. Make environmental compliance and improvement a priority for leaders at all levels and instill an environmental ethic among the workforce. Personnel shall be held accountable for meeting their responsibilities under the installation EMS and Environmental Program and at no time shall leaders foster an attitude that conflicts with the goals of this policy.

h. Adopt sustainable practices that increase the efficiency and life cycle cost-effectiveness of our processes and actions, thereby improving operational capability while reducing environmental and logistical footprints and total ownership costs.

i. Maintain the quality and resiliency of installation infrastructure so it is able to meet current and future requirements. This includes sustaining training ranges so they are always available to meet mission requirements and adopting an ecosystem-based approach toward the use and management of natural resources.

5. Tenant organizations will immediately notify the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division (DPW ED) if served with a notice of violation, fine or penalty from a Federal, State, or local regulator. If the Joint Base Garrison Commander determines that a fine or penalty must be paid, the tenant organization is responsible for paying the fine or penalty using appropriated funds. Anticipated and pending fines and penalties will be briefed by DPW ED at the Installation Sustainability and EMS Management Review Board.

6. This policy will be given widest dissemination. All personnel will be made aware of the policy and how to readily access it.

7. For more information, contact the JBLM EMS Coordinator at phone (253) 966-6470, or email: [usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.list.dpw-ems1@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.list.dpw-ems1@mail.mil).



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