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MEMORANDUM FOR Hazardous Waste Handling Units within the United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz (USAG RP) Footprint

SUBJECT: USAG RP Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) # 10 for Hazardous Waste (HW) handling at generating units

1. References:

- a. AER 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 8 May 2012.
- b. DOD, German Final Governing Standards (GFGS), July 2017.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this SOP is to clarify all required HW handling responsibilities within USAG RP.

3. Scope: This SOP applies to Hazardous Waste (HW) handling units within the USAG RP area of responsibility.

4. Definitions: HW is the waste that poses substantial or potential threats to public health or the environment. These wastes may be found in different physical states such as gas, liquids or solids. HW is a special type of waste because it cannot be disposed of by common means like other by-products of our everyday lives.

5. Responsibilities and Procedures:

a. Unit Commanders appoint, on orders, primary and alternate Environmental Officers (EOs) for all units within the USAG RP footprint that store hazardous material or generate HW.

b. Environmental Officer(s):

(1) Contact USAG RP Environmental Management Division (EMD) in order to set up a Hazardous Waste Accumulation Point (HWAP) and to receive pre-labeled containers for the HW collection.

(2) Ensure all personnel who handle HW in the course of their work are aware of the hazards to which they are exposed and the precautions required to protect themselves in the work environment.

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(3) Inspect HWAP(s) on a regular basis and contact EMD for support.

(4) Is present during the pick-up of the HW and sign the declaration / certification of HW at pick-up by a contractor. In case the EO does not certify the HW during pick-up, another designated person (appointed and trained IAW AER 55-4) will act as HW certifier and sign the declaration.

(5) Coordinate any unexpected HW pick-up with EMD.

c. Environmental Management Division approve or disapprove units' HWAP and make sure the unit receives the requested HW containers. Inform the EO(s) about site specific pick-up procedures.

d. Hazardous waste handlers accumulate each type of HW in separate pre-labeled containers on a daily basis and make sure containers are closed if not in use. Maintain HWAP's in a clean, orderly, and safe condition. Spills are cleaned immediately.

3. Point of contact for this SOP is Mr. Konstantin Gross, Hazardous Waste Manager, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works, at DSN 541-4744.



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