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MEMORANDUM FOR US Army Fort Devens Garrison Employees and Tenant Activities

SUBJECT: Fort Devens Environmental Policy

1. References:

a. Executive Order 13423 Strengthening Federal Environmental Energy and Transportation Management, 24 January 2007.

b. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007.

c. Memorandum, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army, Subject: Re-Issuance and Clarification of Army Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy, 23 September 2005.

d. The Army Strategy for the Environmental, Acting Secretary of the Army, Sustain the Mission, Secure the Future, 1 October 2004.

2. Intent. Incorporate elements of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) into the existing installation management structure to facilitate the establishment of environmental programs that lead to a sustainable training environment on Fort Devens.

3. Scope. This policy applies to all reserve and active component units, agencies, activities, contractors, USAG Devens Garrison elements working on Fort Devens and off-post units / agencies utilizing Fort Devens facilities.

4. General. The mission of the United States Army Garrison, Fort Devens, is to support troop unit readiness. The Garrison will perform this mission in concert with our stewardship responsibility to protect and conserve the environment by striving to attain an environmentally sustainable Fort Devens. A sustainable Fort Devens is one where the Soldiers of tomorrow will have the same opportunity to conduct training as the Soldiers of 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 actively pursuing improvements of an organizational Environmental Management System (EMS) as prescribed by Fort Devens EMS Procedures or by acquiring an Environmental Operating Permit (EOP) as approved by the Fort Devens Environmental Management System cross functional team.

c. Continual improvement by assessing and monitoring activities, products and services to determine their effect on the environment. Identify the significant environmental impacts and insure that they are considered when establishing objectives and targets in our environmental management programs.

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 prevention of pollution.

e. Strive to fully integrate relevant environmental requirements into our standard work practices and procedures so environmental awareness and compliance are a routine part of the way we conduct business.

5. This policy will be given widest dissemination. Copies of the policy will be posted on all official bulletin boards. This policy will also be available on the Fort Devens official Web site or upon request, through the Fort Devens Public Affairs Office.

6. For more information about the EMS at Fort Devens contact the Fort Devens EMS coordinator at (978) 796-3784.

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