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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Vicenza DMC Policy Memorandum 8,
Commander's Sustainability and Environmental Management Policy

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Memorandum ACSIM, DAIM-ZA, 12 Oct 10, subject: Environmental Management and Assessment Requirements.
- b. Memorandum ACSIM, DAIM-ZA, 23 Sep 05, subject: Re-issuance and clarification of the Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy.
- c. Executive Order 13514, 8 Oct 09, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.
- d. Executive Order 13423, 24 Jan 07, Subject: Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.
- e. DoD Instruction 4715.17, 15 Apr 09, subject: Environmental Management Systems.
- f. ISO 14001:2004, Environmental Management System Standards.

2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure full compliance with environmental requirements to facilitate achievement of installation environmental objectives in a sustainable manner. The garrison Environmental Management System (EMS) was declared in full conformance with the international standard ISO 14001 in November 2009.

3. GENERAL. Environmental stewardship is a critical component of mission readiness and presents one of the most compelling challenges for sustaining base operations. Compliance with complex and sometimes conflicting environmental requirements poses increasing demands on leaders at all levels. We must continually integrate compliance with environmental requirements into mission planning and execution.

4. APPLICABILITY. This Policy Memorandum applies to all military and civilian personnel and all Host Nation and tenant organizations in the USAG Vicenza Darby Military Community (DMC).

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5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Deputy Garrison Manager has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with environmental laws, regulations and other requirements.

b. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environment Office is responsible for oversight and management of the EMS and has the lead role in environmental program development, management, and assessment within this community.

c. All Army leaders must responsibly manage the environmental aspects of their activities to include requirements varying from energy conservation and recycling to hazardous waste disposal.

6. PROCEDURES. Successful accomplishment of our environmental objectives requires the collective effort of the entire community. Your commitment and adherence to the following directives is imperative:

a. Comply with all laws, regulations, policies, directives and other requirements related to sustainability and environmental management.

b. Conduct environmental assessments and inspections to ensure compliance.

c. Assist in implementing and maintaining an effective EMS to ensure continual measurable improvement of environmental performance.

d. Train personnel to recognize opportunities and impacts of their activities.

e. Identify and address pollution prevention opportunities to maximize recycling, reduction and reuse opportunities.

f. Assess activities and services to determine their impacts on the environment and develop objectives and targets to mitigate these impacts.

g. Manage all resources - workforce, infrastructure, funds, information, natural resources, energy, and systems - so that we have them as needed, to best support current and future mission requirements.

h. Maintain internal and external communications to ensure a positive relationship with other government agencies, Host Nation, and the local community.

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i. Assist in monitoring environmental metrics to measure performance.

j. Implement a comprehensive emergency preparedness system to address potential environmental emergencies from within the facility and the surrounding community.

k. Communicate policies and procedures to all personnel working for or on behalf of this community and make it available to the public.

7. This memorandum supersedes Policy Memorandum 8, Subject: U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Policy Memorandum 8, Environmental Management System (EMS), dated 31 March 2011. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

8. POC is Environmental Engineer, DMC Environmental Office, DSN 633-7736.


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