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MEMORANDUM FOR WEST POINT PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Environmental Policy

1. West Point will serve as a model installation where a sustained environment enables the mission and secures the installation's location and future as the Army's premier leadership development institution. Preserving West Point for future generations as an institution and national treasure requires a continuous and sustained commitment to environmental stewardship and prevention of pollution. In order to preserve West Point's legacy as the Army's oldest garrison and National Historic Landmark we must conserve its natural, cultural, and environmental resources while achieving and maintaining compliance with all applicable laws and standards. Our community of Soldiers, Cadets, civilians, Families, and organizations must be instilled with a keen sense of environmental awareness, values, and ownership. Environmental programs must identify objectives, goals, training, and technical skills needed by our community to prevent pollution and be communicated across all dimensions for a common environmental goal of exceeding compliance requirements. These activities will provide a framework for continuous improvement and innovation in managing our training areas, lands, and resources for future generations.
2. West Point's environmental objectives are as follows:
 - a. Support the Army's goal of sustaining the environment while enabling the mission and securing the future. Simultaneously meet current as well as future mission requirements, safeguard human health, improve quality of life, and enhance the natural environment.
 - b. Achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable laws and standards.
 - c. Preserve West Point's legacy as a National Historic Landmark and conserve its natural and cultural resources.
 - d. Instill a keen sense of environmental awareness in West Point personnel by using publicity and training to emphasize and enforce programs.
 - e. Transmit environmental values and technical skills to Cadets to ensure the Army's future leaders are equipped to uphold the public trust in the area of environmental stewardship.

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- f. Form partnerships with defense, regulatory and community organizations to work toward a common goal of exceeding compliance requirements.
- g. Identify and implement pollution prevention opportunities.
- h. Manage the use of our ranges and training areas in a sustainable manner.
 - i. Minimize environmental impacts and total ownership costs of Army equipment, material, facilities, ranges and training areas and operations by integrating the principles and practices of sustainability.
- 3. To achieve these objectives, specific targets will be identified for each applicable program and reviewed on a periodic basis during meetings of the Environmental Quality Control Committee. This will establish a framework for environmental awareness and continual improvement and innovation.
- 4. Supervisors will ensure that copies of this policy are posted in shops, work areas and offices, as appropriate. This policy is also available on the West Point web page at <http://www.usma.edu/community.asp>.



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