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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY GARRISON  
(USAG) BENELUX

**SUBJECT: *USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 17, Environmental Management System (EMS)***

1. References.

a. Executive Order (EO) 13514, 5 October 2009, Subject: Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.

b. EO 13423, 24 January 2007, Subject: Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy & Transportation Management.

c. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.

2. USAG Benelux is committed to the continuing improvement of environmental performance and raising the awareness of the Garrison's Communities regarding the importance of environmental protection and Environmental Management System (EMS) implementation.

3. This policy letter applies to all civilian and military personnel, all residents and host and tenant organizations assigned to USAG Benelux. USAG Benelux Schinnen operates under a separate EMS.

4. Protection of precious environmental resources is the duty of every member of USAG Benelux. USAG Benelux carries out activities such as the management of aircrafts and helicopters (Chièvres Community only), general operational and maintenance activities and other tenant activities: stores (AAFES), food court, Commissary (DeCA), Veterinary Clinic, Health and Dental Clinic, Brussels American School, etc. These activities can all impact on environmental media.

a. Charged with the stewardship of land, we must never lose sight of our responsibility to preserve and protect the resources that have been entrusted to our care. Our guiding principle is that work and actions must be environmentally sustainable, meeting current needs without compromising the integrity of the environment for future generations.

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b. As a basis of our Environmental Policy, we are committed to:

(1) Complying fully with the letter and spirit of applicable environmental laws and regulations, and striving to secure fundamental reforms that will improve their environmental effectiveness and reduce the cost of compliance.

(2) Implementing and maintaining an EMS based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Standard, enabling our installations to continuously improve their environmental performance and integrate environmental considerations into all of their activities.

(3) Preventing environmental pollution by giving priority to pollution source reduction and optimizing energy and material consumption.

(4) Setting environmental objectives and targets related to our significant environmental aspects, establishing action programs to achieve these objectives and targets and reviewing them regularly in order to continuously reduce our environmental impacts.

(5) Cooperating with Host Nation agencies to realize common environmental objectives and targets.

(6) Allocating resources and training to protect our environment and ensure continual improvement.

(7) Communicating and reinforcing this policy throughout USAG Benelux and tenant activities.

5. The Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) will meet once a quarter. Official minutes will be recorded, signed by the Garrison Commander, and kept on file by the DPW Environmental Division.

6. All military personnel and civilians must ensure that we are well aware of our responsibilities as we set the standard for the Department of Defense and the Host Nation in meeting the environmental challenges for the future.

7. This policy will be communicated and reinforced throughout USAG Benelux: it will be made available to the public on the USAG Benelux and USAG Benelux Schinnen website.

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8. The proponent for this policy letter is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division USAG Benelux, DSN 361-5704 and Environmental Division USAG Benelux Schinnen, DSN 360-7225.

  
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