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US ARMY GARRISON BENELUX
UNIT 21419
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: *USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 9, Change 1, Environmental Management System*

1. References:

a. Executive Order (EO) 13148, 26 April 2000, Subject: Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management.

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

c. Memorandum, DAIM-ED-C, 6 August 2001, Subject: New Installation Management Requirements.

d. Memorandum, ACSIM, DAIM-ZA, 10 July 03, Subject: Army Environmental Management System Policy.

2. Purpose. To present the commitment of USAG Benelux (Chièvres Garrison and USAG Brussels) to continue improvement of environmental performance and raise the awareness of the Garrison's Communities regarding the importance of environmental protection and Environmental Management System (EMS) implementation.

3. Applicability. This Policy Letter applies to all civilian and military personnel, all residents and host and tenant organizations assigned to USAG Benelux, Chièvres Garrison and USAG Brussels. USAG Schinnen is implementing an EMS separately

4. Policy. Protection of precious environmental resources is the duty of every member of USAG Benelux (Chièvres Garrison and USAG Brussels). Chièvres Garrison and USAG Brussels carry out activities such as the management of aircraft and helicopters, (general) operational and maintenance activities and others tenant activities: stores (AAFES, Px, Pxtra), food court, Commissary (DeCA), Veterinary Clinic, Health and Dental Clinic, Brussels American School (BAS), etc.. These activities can impact on all 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.

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

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(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 consideration 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 energy consumption and waste recycling and/or disposal, 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.

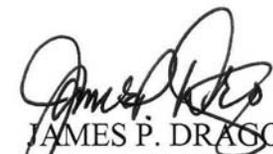
(6) Allocating resources and training to protect our environment and ensure continual improvement.

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

5. All of us, Army members and leaders, military and civilian, must ensure that we are well aware of our responsibilities as we set the standard for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Host Nation in meeting the environmental challenges for the future.

6. Point of contact is the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Division, Mr. Philippe Dumont, EMS Coordinator at 361-5704, E-mail: philippe.dumont@eur.army.mil, alternate Ms. Sabine Schneider, Core Compliance Manager at 361-6269, E-mail: sabine.schneider@eur.army.mil.

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1. REFERENCES:

- a. Executive Order 13423, 26 January 2007, subject: Strengthening, Federal Environmental Energy and Transportation Management.
- b. Army Regulation 200-1, 27 December 07, subject: Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- c. Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) for USAG Schinnen, The Netherlands, April 2005, subject: External Assessment Executive Summary by IMA-Europe.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy is applicable to all personnel assigned to and/or supported by USAG Schinnen.

3. Protection of precious environmental resources is the duty of every member of the USAG Schinnen. We must never lose sight of our responsibility to preserve and protect the resources that have been entrusted to our care. The guiding principle is that work and actions must be environmentally sustainable, meeting current needs without compromising the integrity of the environment for future generations. As a basis to our environmental management policy we must:

- a. Comply fully with the letter and spirit of environmental laws and regulations and strive to secure fundamental reforms that will improve their environmental effectiveness and reduce the cost of compliance.
- b. Employ environmental management systems and procedures specially designed to prevent activities and/or conditions that pose a threat to human health, safety or the environment.
- c. Strive to prevent pollution by preventing releases into the atmosphere, land or water. We will minimize the amount and toxicity of waste generated and will ensure the safe treatment and disposal of waste.
- d. Cooperate with Host Nation agencies to further common environmental objectives and allocate resources and training to protect our environment.

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e. Continuously seek opportunities to improve our adherence to these principles and to improve our overall environmental performance.

4. To ensure that environmental concerns are integrated across all organizational elements, USAG Schinnen has formed an Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC). The EQCC advises the USAG Commander on environmental priorities, policies, strategies, and programs. It's a forum to address and resolve complex environmental issues that can affect the installation and is an integral part of an effective Environmental Management System (EMS). The EQCC will be made up of the following members:

a. Commander, USAG Schinnen, who will serve as the chairman.

b. The DPW, who will act as the executive secretary.

c. The Chief, Environmental Management Office.

d. The director of each major staff section of the Garrison, command representatives from each tenant organization and the DRMO regional office representative.

The EQCC will meet once a quarter. Official minutes will be recorded, signed by the Commander, USAG Schinnen, and kept on file by the Chief, DPW, Environmental Management Office. The formation and operation of an asbestos management team, a lead-based paint management team and a hazardous waste management team will be consolidated under and reported through the EQCC as subcommittees.

5. The members of this Garrison, military and civilian, must ensure that we are well aware of our responsibilities as we set the standard for the Department of Defense and the Nation in meeting the environmental challenges for the future.

6. This policy will be communicated and reinforced throughout USAG Schinnen; it will be made available to the public on our website (at www.usagschinnen.eur.army.mil) and via the USAG Schinnen Public Affairs Office.

7. POC for this policy is USAG Schinnen Environmental Division at DSN 360-7225.


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