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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy 12-23 – Mississippi National Guard Environmental Policy

1. Executive Order (EO) 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management, states “through development and implementation of environmental management systems, each agency shall ensure strategies are established to support environmental leadership programs, policies, and procedures and agency senior level managers explicitly and actively endorse these strategies.” Leadership strategies include, but are not limited to, complying with applicable federal, state, and local environmental requirements, pollution prevention, and continual improvement through the Environmental Management System (EMS) process.

2. In order to demonstrate a commitment to such strategies, the Mississippi National Guard (MSNG) has authored the MSNG Environmental Policy Statement. Once approved by The Adjutant General, the Environmental Policy Statement is disseminated throughout the Mississippi National Guard. The Environmental Policy Statement affirms that:

a. The MSNG is a dynamic organization prepared and ready to accomplish its mission with community-based forces committed to defending and protecting the American public, both domestically and abroad. While demonstrating sound environmental stewardship, our mission is to sustain properly trained, equipped, and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies and prompt mobilization for war.

b. Sustainable business and planning practices are critical to the MSNG’s continued utilization of natural and human resources. Through proactive environmental management, the MSNG is committed to:

(1) Complying with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements to which we subscribe.

(2) Preventing pollution, degradation, or exploitation of our land, water, and air.

(3) Sustaining training lands and facilities to enable Soldier/Airman training now and in the future.

(4) Considering environmental requirements and impacts early in our management, training, equipment fielding, and construction planning processes.

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(5) Maintaining a mission-focused Environmental Management System that sets and reviews environmental objectives and targets.

(6) Enabling continual improvements of MSNG's environmental performance.

(7) Incorporating mission, environment, community, and economy into the initial development of all MSNG's plans, processes, and actions.

3. Adherence to these commitments is vital to MSNG readiness and mission accomplishments. Questions or comments relating to this matter should be referred to Lindsey Lemmons, EMS Coordinator, Commercial: 601-313-6208 or DSN: 293-6208.

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AUGUSTUS L. COLLINS  
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