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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AMSSB-DIC (200)

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Aberdeen Proving Ground Pollution Prevention Policy

1. Applicability and References: This pollution prevention policy fulfills the following requirements: Executive Order 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management, 2000; APG Pollution Prevention Plan, 2000; The Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), 1990; The Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), 1986; and The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 1976.

2. Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), as a major military installation in an environmentally sensitive region, is committed to environmental stewardship through pollution prevention. Pollution prevention is the use of materials, processes, or practices that eliminate or reduce the toxicity and volume of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants entering a waste stream or otherwise released into the environment.

3. In keeping with this commitment, each APG employee will strive to incorporate pollution prevention practices into daily operations through the reduction or elimination of pollutants at the source of generation as well as through recycling, treatment, and disposal. Specifically, pollution prevention practices must include the following measures:

- a. Reducing excessive purchasing and/or stocking of materials
- b. Reducing the use of natural resources
- c. Considering and using less polluting processes
- d. Encouraging the use of environmentally preferable products
- e. Maximizing reuse and recycling of materials
- f. Ensuring the use of non-toxic, low-maintenance materials
- g. Improving communication and training regarding pollution prevention initiatives
- h. Complying with affirmative procurement requirements

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4. Individual commitment to preventive strategies will enable organizational responsibility and accountability in all of our activities:

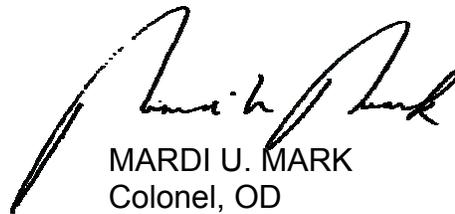
- a. Providing a clean and safe environment in our community
- b. Ensuring a safe and healthy workplace for our employees
- c. Complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations
- d. Accomplishing our mission efficiently
- e. Reducing waste generation and waste management costs
- f. Reducing future liability for waste disposal

5. I expect every military member, civilian employee, and contractor at APG to not only be aware of pollution prevention strategies but also incorporate those strategies into our daily activities.

6. The fulfillment of our national defense missions depends on our individual and organizational commitment to preserving resources and protecting the environment in which we work and the community in which we live.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Colonel, OD
Deputy Installation Commander

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