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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Environmental Policy Statement

1. The Puerto Rico Army National Guard is a versatile organization of educated, disciplined and well-trained citizen soldiers committed to accomplish those missions that are in the best interests of our Nation, State and community.
2. Personnel in this organization are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations and are faced with the difficult task of making sure they understand these laws and regulations and conform to them.
3. The Puerto Rico Army National Guard is committed to protect and preserve our physical environment utilizing environmentally sound standards and practices.
4. Through the adoption of Environmental Management Standards, the Puerto Rico Army National Guard will:
  - Support the military mission by identifying management actions required for the protection and conservation of natural and cultural resources and provides sustained use of the training lands.
  - Be an environmental responsible neighbor in the communities where we operate, and act promptly and responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger the human health or the environment.
  - Comply with all applicable Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations, and those other requirements to which we subscribe.
  - Consider environmental requirements and impacts early in our planning process as it relates to military training, equipment fielding and construction projects.
  - Clean up any contaminated sites as quickly as resources permit.
  - Continually improve upon pollution and reductions strategies through the application of innovative processes and technologies.
  - Annually set and review all the environmental management components.

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5. Every employee, contractor and tenant of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard is expected to adhere to the provisions set forth in this policy. Managers at all levels are expected to oversee the implementation of this policy in their respective areas of responsibility.

6. Previous Policy Statement, 29 November 2012, is rescinded. A copy of this policy statement will be permanently posted on all bulletin boards.



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