FORCE POLICY LETTER 01-20

From: Commander
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE FORCES RESERVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Ref: (a) MCO 5090.2A

1. Situation. As agents of the Federal Government, we are entrusted by the public to make environmental considerations an integral part of installation and range management programs, training activities, equipment fielding, and construction planning processes.


3. Mission. Establish an Environmental Policy for Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) that sustains support for facilities and quality training environments and assures their availability in accordance with reference (a). Comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and conscientiously work to conserve the natural resources under our management and control.

4. Execution

   a. Commander’s Intent and Concept of Operations

      (1) Commander’s Intent. To establish policy and procedural guidance for environmentally conscious operations as directed by Headquarters Marine Corps. The MARFORRES Environmental Management System provides the force with a systematic approach to integrate these environmental considerations and establishes a framework for continual environmental improvement over the long term.

      (2) Concept of Operations

         (a) Comply with or exceed all Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

         (b) Prevent pollution and minimize the distribution and use of hazardous materials to provide our forces and surrounding communities with safer working and cleaner living environments.

         (c) Set and review environmental objectives and targets; participate in external and internal environmental program assessments to allow for continued improvement and efficiency.

         (d) Conserve our finite natural and cultural resources by encouraging training and awareness of environmental factors such as soil erosion, waste streams, fire hazards, and cultural sites.

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(e) Clean contaminated sites and prevent future contamination and spills.

(f) Report new spills to this headquarters and take immediate steps to contain it.

(g) Remediate all spills with the best management practices available.

b. Tasks

(1) Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs)/Headquarters Battalion (HqBn)

(a) All commanders are personally liable for environmental compliance within their units; therefore, I bid each of you to enhance awareness of this policy statement throughout your commands.

(b) Verify your personnel are appropriately trained and have access to those resources essential to the proper conduct of their duties as Inspector-Instructors, Environmental Compliance Officers, and Hazardous Materials Non-Commissioned Officers.

(c) All MARFORRES members, regardless of billet, will follow sound environmental practices in accordance with reference (a).

5. Administration and Logistics

a. MSCs and HqBn will monitor areas of responsibility for best environmental management practices and ensure compliance in accordance with the guidance set forth in this Policy Letter.

b. Point of contact concerning this Policy Letter is Mr. Richard L. Godchaux, Facilities Environmental and Energy Program Manager, MARFORRES at (504) 697-9840.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Policy Letter is applicable to all of MARFORRES.

b. Signal. This Policy Letter is effective the date signed.

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