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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minnesota Army National Guard (MNARNG) Environmental Policy

1. PURPOSE: The National Guard remains a community-based force, with Readiness Centers, armories, bases and training facilities located strategically throughout our state. Minnesota National Guard facilities are built to be energy independent. Regional training centers at Camp Ripley and Arden Hills Army Training Site host numerous ranges and state-of-the-art facilities in support of our ongoing mission.

2. PRIORITY: The MNARNG is committed to environmental stewardship of our facilities, installations and training lands. MNARNG integrates sound environmental management practices into our overall strategic mission goals. Adherence to these commitments is vital to MNARNG readiness and mission accomplishment.

a. The MNARNG will attain or exceed compliance with all applicable U.S. Army, federal, state or local laws and regulations, and those other requirements to which we subscribe.

b. The MNARNG will prevent pollution of air, land and water resources that are vital to readiness and mission accomplishment. A sustainable training environment is critical to our continued utilization of these resources.

c. The MNARNG will continue to focus and apply resources toward environmental performance of our organization. The MNARNG achieves this through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001, *Environmental Management Systems*.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all Soldiers and employees working on behalf of the MNARNG.

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