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## Subpart A—General

### § 650.1 Purpose.

This regulation prescribes policies, assigns responsibilities, and establishes procedures for the protection and preservation of environmental quality for the Department of the Army in peacetime.

### § 650.2 Applicability.

This regulation applies to: (a) All active, semiactive, and Army Reserve installations and activities located in the United States.

(b) National Guard installations and sites supported with Federally appropriated funds.

(c) Army installations and activities overseas in accordance with the general provisions set forth in § 650.5(c).

(d) Contractor activities and lessees located on real property in the United States under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

(e) The Civil Works activities under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army and implemented by the Chief of Engineers are excluded from the provisions of this regulation. Separate environmental regulations promulgated for Civil Works activities by the Chief of Engineers (COE) are found generally in 33 CFR chapter II and Engineering Regulations.

### § 650.3 Explanation of terms.

For the purpose of this regulation, the following apply:

(a) *Facility*. (AR 310-25.) Facilities include buildings, installations, structures, public works, equipment, aircraft, vessels, and other vehicles and property under the control of or constructed or manufactured for leasing to the Army.

(b) *Environmental quality standard*. The Federal, State and regional quality standards adopted pursuant to the Clean Air Act; Water Pollution Control Act, Noise Control Act and other Federal statutes established for the protection and enhancement of environmental quality.

(c) *Environmental performance specifications*. Permissible limits of emissions, discharges, or other values applicable to activities which would provide for conformance to environmental quality standards to protect health and welfare.

(d) *Environmental pollution*. The condition resulting from the presence of chemical, physical, radiological, or biological forces which alter the natural environment and thus adversely affect human health or the quality of life, biosystems, structures and equipment, recreational opportunity, aesthetics, and natural beauty.

(e) *Environmental enhancement*. All actions taken to improve the environment, including but not limited to, those to abate environmental pollution

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and meet environmental quality standards and performance specifications.

(f) *Substantive standards and limitations.* The qualitative and quantitative pollution control provisions contained in approved State implementation plans promulgated under Federal environmental protection statutes.

(g) *United States.* The 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(h) *Installation.* A grouping of facilities, located in the same vicinity, which support particular functions.

(i) *Activity.* A unit, organization or installation performing a function or mission.

#### § 650.4 Goal.

It is the Department of the Army's goal to plan, initiate, and carry out all actions and programs to minimize the adverse effects on the quality of the human environment without impairment to the Army's mission. Inherent in this goal is the requirement to achieve the following objectives:

(a) Eliminate the discharge of potentially harmful pollutants produced by Army activities.

(b) Conserve and wisely use natural and material resources provided for use throughout the Army.

(c) Maintain, restore, and enhance the natural and manmade environment in terms of its visual attractiveness and productivity.

(d) Demonstrate initiative and leadership in the formulation and execution of a program that contributes to the national goal of preserving and enhancing the environment.

#### § 650.5 Policy.

(a) All Department of Defense agencies are required to—

(1) Comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and all other Federal environmental laws, executive orders, and regulations.

(2) Demonstrate leadership in environmental pollution abatement and enhancement of the environment consistent with the security interests of the Nation.

(b) The Department of the Army policy is that—(1) The achievement of environmental objectives is an integral part of the Army mission.

(2) The environmental consequences of any proposed action will be considered during the planning process and will be evaluated along with the technical and economic factors in the decisionmaking process.

(3) A detailed environmental impact statement will be prepared and processed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act when an environmental assessment reveals that the proposed action may significantly affect the quality of the human environment, is highly environmentally controversial, or is anticipated to evoke litigation based upon environmental issues. "Environmentally controversial" relates to cases in which substantive disagreement, real or purported, exists as to the extent, nature, or effect of the action on the environment.

(4) Insofar as essential mission constraints permit, all programs and actions will be planned, initiated, or carried out in a manner to minimize polluting or degrading the environment.

(5) All activities subject to Federal, State, or local regulation will be conducted in accordance with applicable standards and monitored to insure compliance with such standards.

(6) All material and energy resources will be procured and used in a manner that will minimize the emission of pollutants and the production of wastes in keeping with the national policies for energy conservation. Wastes generated will be reprocessed or reclaimed for other productive uses to the maximum extent practicable.

(7) An understanding of the urgent need to preserve and restore the natural environment and to conserve material resources and an appreciation of the Army's support of the environmental protection effort will be fostered throughout the Army. Initiative, leadership, and cooperation in achieving these environmental objectives are encouraged of all personnel.

(8) Commanders will cooperate, to the extent practicable, in beneficial community environmental action programs.