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SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Environmental Policy Statement

- 1. The ARNG is a dynamic organization comprised of men and women committed to defending and protecting the American public, both domestically and abroad. Readiness is a top priority. Our ability to accomplish our mission is enhanced through adequate personnel strength, training proficiency, and equipment serviceability. These activities occur at thousands of facilities and training lands across the 54 States and Territories.
- 2. The ARNG is committed to environmental stewardship at these facilities and lands. A sustainable training environment is critical to our continued utilization of these resources.
- 3. Through sound environmental management, the ARNG is committed to:
 - a. Maximize the availability of training lands and facilities to enable Soldier training.
- b. Minimize pollution of our land, water, and air to the extent that our mission allows.
- c. Comply with all applicable Federal, State, or local environmental laws and regulations, and those other requirements to which we subscribe.
- d. Consider environmental requirements and impacts early in our force management, training, equipment fielding and construction planning processes.
- e. Set and review environmental objectives and targets to enable continual improvement.

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- 4. Adherence to these commitments, and the ISO 14001 standards, is vital to ARNG readiness and mission accomplishment.
- 5. Point of contact is LTC Gerald Walter, Chief, Environmental Programs Division, at DSN 327-7967 or 703-607-7967.

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