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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Baden-Württemberg, Command Policy Memorandum #24, Water Conservation

1. References:

- a. Final Governing Standards - Germany, Chapter 3, February 2010.
- b. Army in Europe Regulation 200-1, Chapter 3 Drinking Water Management.
- c. Executive Order 13423 Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, 26 January 2007.
- d. Executive Order 13514 Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, 8 October 2009.
- e. IMCOM Campaign Plan 2010-2017.
- f. Water Management Plan, 15 February 2010.

2. Purpose: To emphasize water conservation measures, reduce water consumption, eliminate wasteful practices, and achieve long term cost savings.

3. Background: Drinking water is our most important natural resource. Many regions in the world have water shortage problems. Approximately 1 billion people on the planet do not have access to quality drinking water. This number continues to grow due to climate change, increasing population and pollution.

4. Policy: In conformance with EO 13514, USAG Baden-Württemberg will reduce water consumption intensity, relative to the baseline of the agency's water consumption in fiscal year 2007, through life-cycle cost-effective measures by 2% annually through the end of fiscal year 2020 or 26% by the end of fiscal year 2020. Specifically, industrial, landscaping and agricultural water consumption must be reduced by 2% per year or 20% by 2020 (baseline 2010). Considering this guidance the following measures must be enforced to conserve water:

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a. Washing of all vehicles other than at authorized wash racks is prohibited. Authorized wash racks have impervious pavement and POL separators which allows water to be recycled in order to prevent water pollution and reduce potable water consumption.

b. Fire hydrant access and operation is limited to authorized Garrison personnel only and must be coordinated with the Garrison Fire Department and the DPW Operations and Maintenance Division.

c. Watering lawns, including sports fields, from 1 April to 1 October is prohibited from 08:00 to 19:00 in order to reduce evaporation.

d. Cutting grass and lawns shorter than 2 inches or 5cm is prohibited (DA PAM 420-1-1, Table 2-14) in order for the grass to resist burning.

e. DPW, including Housing and contractors, must utilize water-conserving technology when installing or replacing fixtures and appliances on post. Contracts for services and repairs must include language directing the use of water-conserving devices—for instance low-flow shower heads and urinals—or must refer to this policy. Water-conserving products are often distinguished by labels such as WaterSense or Waterwise Marque.

5. The proponent for this policy is the USAG BW Directorate of Public Works, Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Division, at DSN 387-3150 or 387-3213.


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