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(b) SECNAV M-5211.5E  
(c) 5 U.S.C.552a

Encl: (1) Volume Reference List

1. Situation

a. The Marine Corps holds military lands in the public trust, and Marine Corps commands must maintain land, air, and water resources to sustain realistic military training and testing for future generations of Marines. Environmental laws are generally applicable to the Marine Corps to the same extent as the general public and hold Marine Corps Commanders accountable for activities conducted on and off installation. Marine Corps environmental programs preserve training areas, enhance operational readiness, protect public health, and preserve the environmental quality of the installations and adjacent communities. Environmental programs also strengthen Marine Corps relationships with the public and the regulatory agencies that implement environmental laws.

b. Negative impacts from non-compliance with environmental requirements can be significant. Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies may impose significant financial penalties or restrict installation operations due to environmental violations. Many environmental statutes also have citizen's suit provisions that allow the public to sue government agencies for non-compliance. Failure to achieve environmental compliance and protect our natural resources may compromise the mission by limiting Marine Corps operations or access to areas necessary to sustain military readiness.

c. This Order provides updated policy, guidelines, and procedures that commanding officers, installation environmental

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staff, and Marine Corps personnel require in the performance of their duties while maintaining environmental compliance and the protection of human health and the environment. This Order is a complete revision of the last Marine Corps Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. MCO P5090.2A w/Ch 1-3.

3. Mission. Commands and individual Marines and civilians at all levels shall support the execution of environmental compliance and protection programs aboard Marine Corps installations (MCI) and during training activities. Policy and procedural guidance are contained in enclosure (1).

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The Marine Corps is committed to mission accomplishment and to environmental compliance and protection. Marine Corps environmental programs ensure that the Marine Corps Total Force is able to continue to effectively operate worldwide in an environmentally responsible manner. This requires the leadership and personal commitment of all military and civilian personnel throughout the Marine Corps chain of command. The Marine Corps will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of environmental management programs, proactively mitigate environmental and health risks, and ensure individuals are appropriately trained and empowered to be effective stewards of the natural and cultural resources entrusted to the Marine Corps.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) All Marine Corps personnel and installations shall use and comply with this Order and the enclosure.

(b) Marine Corps personnel and installations shall be aware of and comply with additional environmental requirements imposed by state and local governments that may not be covered in this Order and the enclosure.

(c) Local Environmental Compliance and Protection Standard Operation Procedures may be developed to augment the Order and enclosure, or to provide guidance for activities not addressed herein.

(d) Overseas installations shall comply with the applicable Department of Defense (DoD) Final Governing Standards (FGS) for the host nation or the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD) when host nation specific FGS have not been developed. Chapter 15 of the enclosure details additional Marine Corps requirements for overseas installations.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. The primary responsibilities of the principal Marine Corps environmental stakeholder organizations are outlined below. A more comprehensive list of specific roles and functions is provided in each chapter of the enclosure.

(1) Assistant Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps Installations and Logistics (Facilities) (LF)/Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command (COMMCICOM) shall:

(a) Periodically update this Order and the enclosure.

(b) Support MCI and units with implementation, oversight, and compliance with the requirements of this Order and the enclosure.

(c) Develop additional environmental policies and implementing guidance, as appropriate.

(2) Commanders of MCI East, West, Pacific, and National Capital Region shall:

(a) Ensure installations and sites under their authority conform to the policies outlined in this Order and the enclosure.

(b) Provide regional environmental policy, program management, guidance, coordination, and implementation strategies, as appropriate.

(c) Provide primary environmental regulatory interface for issues that have implications beyond a single installation in their region.

(d) Monitor and manage environmental encroachment and facilitate encroachment partnering relationships and agreements.

(3) Commanding Generals/Commanding Officers of MCI shall:

(a) Ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local, DoD, Department of the Navy (DON) and Marine Corps environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.

(b) Serve as the primary steward of all installation natural and cultural resources. This stewardship role includes the oversight of activities, whether federal or non-federal, that may degrade the environment.

(c) Oversee environmental restoration activities to ensure mission accomplishment and protection of human health and the environment.

(4) Commanders of Marine Forces shall:

(a) Serve as the federal officers charged with ultimate responsibility for their respective Command's compliance with all applicable federal, state and local, DoD, DON and Marine Corps environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.

(b) For forces deployed overseas for training, follow Marine Corps overseas environmental compliance policy and comply with FGS established for each respective host country or host nation law or OEBGD, whichever is more stringent, for activities in countries with no FGS. Commanders should also consult with their legal counsel to identify any unique environmental requirements of the host country.

(5) Units/Tenants aboard MCI shall:

(a) Ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local, DoD, DON and Marine Corps environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.

(b) Appoint in writing a Unit Environmental Compliance Coordinator (ECC) (E-5 or above or other individual with sufficient authority to implement environmental requirements at each command) to ensure unit environmental training and environmental compliance requirements are met, and to coordinate with installation environmental staff, as required. (Note: installations may use local terminology for this position as long as the responsibilities remain the same.)

(c) Notify the installation environmental staff of any unit activities that have environmental requirements, issues, or concerns.

(6) All Marine Corps Personnel shall:

(a) Comply with all applicable federal, state and local, DoD, DON and Marine Corps environmental requirements and Presidential Executive Orders.

(b) Maintain general awareness of all applicable Marine Corps environmental policies and goals. Participate in training to understand applicable requirements.

(c) Integrate environmentally safe and compliant procedures into all daily operational practices to minimize risk of adverse health, environmental and mission impacts.

(d) Know who is assigned as the unit's ECC and attend unit/installation-specific environmental training.

(e) Promptly elevate and report environmental issues and concerns to the appropriate authority.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Comply with the intent and content of this Order and the enclosure. The terms "will" and "shall" as used in the Order are directive and require compliance. Words such as "should," "may," and "can" are advisory.

## 5. Administration and Logistics

a. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order will be forwarded to the CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM via the chain-of-command.

b. Privacy Act. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The DON recognizes that the privacy of an individual is a personal and fundamental right that shall be respected and protected. The DON's need to collect, use, maintain, or disseminate PII about individuals for purposes of discharging its statutory responsibilities will be balanced against the individuals' right to be protected against unwarranted invasion of privacy. All collection, use, maintenance, or dissemination of PII will be in accordance with

the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (reference (b)) and implemented per reference (c).

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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