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Army Takes Four Secretary of Defense Awards

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD – Submissions from the U.S. Army to the DoD won four of the nine Secretary of Defense environmental awards for fiscal year 2005. The awards represent the highest honor conferred by DoD for environmental stewardship, and recognize the Army's efforts to support sustainability.

Two Army installations, an Army National Guard team and an Army Corps of Engineers team are the recipients of the awards. Fort Lewis, Wash., won the installation award for environmental restoration; Fort Campbell, Ky., won the non-industrial award for environmental quality; the Minnesota Army National Guard won the team award for natural resources conservation; and the Corps' Sacramento District Pyramid Lake Torpedo and Bombing Range Site Restoration Project won the team award for environmental restoration.

"The Army is committed to good environmental stewardship and the long term sustainability of its installations," said Tad Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for the Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. "We can't send our Soldiers out to engage in the Global War on Terror without training them as they need to fight, but we don't have to sacrifice the environment to provide that training. These winners show that the Army uses innovation, dedication, and hard work to balance readiness with environmental sustainability."

Features of the winning packages include achievement of aggressive cleanup milestones, significant reductions in hazardous air pollution emissions and hazardous waste disposal, marked restoration of training areas, and successful removal of tons of munitions from an ecologically sensitive lake environment.

The Army winners of the Secretary of Defense environmental awards are among nine total winners of the Secretary of the Army environmental awards. In addition to Fort Lewis, Fort Campbell, the Minnesota ARNG and the USAEC Sacramento District, five other Army installations and teams won awards this year for their dedication to environmental stewardship. These include Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Sustainability and Management Team, Ga.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; the Michigan Army National Guard, and the CO₂ Cooling Development Team at the RD&E Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The efforts of these installations and teams represent the best practices of the Army's environmental program. Copies of their award-winning nomination packages are available on the Public Affairs pages of the U.S. Army Environmental Center Web site.

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