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COMMANDER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM # 11

SUBJECT: Environmental Management Systems

1. Placing emphasis on environmental management will enhance the Corps of Engineers overall mission performance. Systematic environmental management must become a standard tool in accomplishing our strategic goals and improving day-to-day decision making at our operating facilities and in our military, civil and environmental program areas.

2. Environmental Management Systems represent a framework through which an organization identifies attainable indicators of environmental performance, continuously seeks to improve its environmental performance in measurable ways, and documents these improvements. Environmental management systems are required by Department of Defense and Department of Army policy, and by Executive Order 13148 titled "Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management."

3. Environmental Management Systems provide an excellent mechanism to fully integrate our Environmental Operating Principles and doctrine. Environmental Management Systems also provide the framework necessary to support installations within the transforming Army, and to support other Federal agencies. Our environmental management systems will be based on the International Organization of Standardization framework, ISO 14001. Third party registration to the ISO 14001 standard and certification is not required. Appropriate budget requests should be made in future years to support and maintain environmental management systems.

4. The importance of our mission to serve the Army and the Nation demands this commitment to continual improvement in environmental management across all programs. It is the responsibility of every Corps employee to fulfill the obligations set forth in this policy statement. Enthusiastic implementation of this policy will pay great dividends in the future as we strive to improve our services to our customers and to the Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Strock".

CARL A. STROCK  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding