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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, AND OCCUPATIONAL
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SUBJECT: DoD Environmental Management System (EMS) Self-Declaration Policy

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) formally issued a Federal *EMS Agency Self-Declaration Protocol for Appropriate Federal Facilities* on January 27, 2004 (Attachment). OFEE requests all Federal agencies implement the Protocol to ensure credibility of facility or organization-level self-declarations of conformance with Agency EMS requirements. This memorandum transmits the Department of Defense implementing policy for the Federal EMS Self-Declaration Protocol.

DoD Components shall implement the Protocol within the EMS management review process in a manner consistent with DoD and Component-specific EMS policy requirements. Each DoD Component will issue policy implementing the Protocol before December 31, 2004. The leadership at each appropriate facility will conduct management review that includes a declaration of conformance, as appropriate, with DoD and Component EMS policy, metrics, and guidance. DoD Components shall execute the Protocol in a manner consistent with environmental compliance self audit procedures on a cycle of one-year internal and three-year external evaluations.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) will review Component performance through the Environmental Management Review process using current and future EMS metrics, to include tracking of all DoD appropriate facilities that have a self-declared, state or EPA recognized, or third party registered EMS in-place. OSD and the DoD Components will review self-declaration procedures annually for continued suitability to mission requirements.


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Attachment:
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