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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)  
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(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)  
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SUBJECT: New DoD Instruction 4715.03, "Natural Resources Conservation Program"

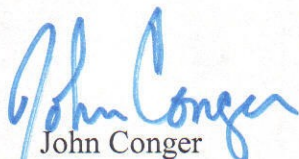
The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) signed DoDI 4715.03 on February 14 (attached). The DoDI is a major update of guidance established in 1996. It formalizes policies and procedures for the integrated management of natural resources on military lands, air, waters, coastal, and nearshore areas managed or controlled by the Department of Defense.

The DoD Components with natural resources management responsibilities shall in part:

- Integrate the DoD Natural Resources Conservation Program with mission activities and all other applicable installation plans and programs.
- Develop and implement programs to monitor, achieve, and maintain compliance with all applicable Federal statutory requirements, including Executive Orders and DoD policies.
- Plan, program, and budget resources necessary to establish, execute, monitor, and maintain integrated natural resources conservation programs.
- Ensure scientifically sound, innovative, and effective stewardship of natural resources under their jurisdictions.
- Ensure that installations prepare, maintain, and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the appropriate State fish and wildlife management agency(s).
- Ensure that internal natural resources self-assessments and external INRMP reviews are conducted as appropriate on all installations with significant natural resources.

Please provide us with a copy of your updated implementing guidance that incorporates these policy changes by September 30, 2011.

The Instruction will be posted on the WHS Issuances Web site at [www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/)  
Please distribute this information to all appropriate offices. My point of contact is Mr. Peter Boice at  
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Attachment:  
As stated