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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS POLICY ON BASE-WIDE MASTER
PLANT LIST

Ref: (a) E.O. 13112, Invasive Species
(b) E.O. 13148, Greening the Government Through
Leadership in Environmental Management
(c) 60 FR 40837, Environmentally Beneficial Landscape
Practices on Federal Landscaped Grounds

Encl: (1) Camp Pendleton Base-wide Master Plant List

1. To comply with goals and direction of references (a), (b), and (c), Marine Corps installations should establish a base-wide master plant list that identifies native and non-native plants suitable for landscaping, and invasive plants that are prohibited for any use on their installation. Plants listed as a threat to ecosystems or agriculture by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and State agriculture departments should be listed as prohibited from planting.


2. Installations should set goals to maximize the use of native plants for urban and open area landscaping. Base Exterior Architecture Plans, Base Master Plans, Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans, and other landscaping maintenance plans should incorporate these goals in order to prevent unintentionally planting invasive species and to implement cost-effective, environmentally sound landscaping practices.

3. The Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Base-wide Master Plant List is provided as an example for guidance at enclosure (1). Efforts to control invasive species and re-establish native plants communities will ultimately ensure stable, healthy ecosystems for sustained military land use.

4. We request progress on compiling the master plant list and implementing procedures as detailed in references (a), (b), and (c) be reported to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) LFL/1 by 30 September 2006.

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5. Questions regarding this issue may be directed to Ms. Heidi Hirsh at DSN 225-8240, 703-695-8240, or heidi.hirsh@usmc.mil. Ms. Hirsh is also available to assist in the preparation of the plant lists.


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