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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minimizing the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Plant & Insect Species on Fort Lee, VA.

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this policy is to establish adequate procedures to reduce the potential introduction and spread of invasive species on Fort Lee, VA.
2. **Reference.**
  - a. Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (with amendments). Updated 10 June, 2009.
  - b. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species, 3 Feb 1999.
  - c. National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-332).
  - d. Executive Order 1198, Exotic Organisms, 24 May 1977.
  - e. Invasive Alien Plant Species List of Virginia – VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation.
3. **Background.** Invasive plants and insects are species that have been introduced into an environment where they did not evolve. As a result, they usually have no natural enemies to limit their reproduction and spread. These species threaten biodiversity, sensitive species, and even the training mission, by rendering portions of training areas unusable. Invasive species have been introduced to Fort Lee by natural migration, through the transportation and planting of nursery stock, and through the daily movement of personnel and equipment that have moved from one installation, state, or country back to Fort Lee. It is impossible to completely eradicate these species. It would be cost prohibitive to attempt to eliminate them even on Fort Lee; however, steps can be taken to minimize the introduction and spread of invasive species.
4. **Policy.** Contracting agents will insert specifications into contracts requiring landscaping vendors to provide nursery stock that is nursery-certified to be free from insects, invasive plants and their seeds. Contracting agents include all personnel responsible for the procurement of landscaping goods and services who are responsible for the development of scopes of work, performance work statements, etc., or the direct purchase of landscaping materials. A standard contract statement is inserted for inclusion in all procurement documents (including credit card purchases). Copies of this certification must accompany shipping manifests of nursery stock and the agent will require copies per the contract prior to the commencement of planting. IMPAC cardholders purchasing landscaping services or nursery stock will also require a copy of the certification from the vendor prior to planting.
  - a. The Imported Red Fire Ant has been introduced into Virginia from nursery stock transported from Red Fire Ant quarantine states. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has signed compliance agreements with nurseries working in these states. Nursery stock or materials originating from the

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following states are required to have an Imported Red Fire Ant – free certificate attached to the shipping manifest: Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma. If the certificate is absent do not accept shipment of these materials.

b. Land management equipment operating in known areas of infestation will be thoroughly cleaned at a designated washdown site prior to relocating to uninfested areas. This requirement applies to equipment operated by DoD employees as well as contractors and vendors.

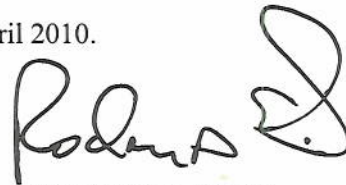
c. Whenever possible, native plant species grown from local stock should be used for conservation and landscaping purposes. There is an abundant variety of indigenous species available and they are usually less expensive.

d. DPW Environmental staff will conduct an ongoing surveillance program to monitor the development of known infestations, control their spread, and be on the alert for new infestations. Funding permitting, the staff will reduce the invasive species population on Fort Lee.

5. **Effective date.** This policy is effective on the stamped date of this memorandum.

6. **Proponent.** Proponent for this Policy is DPW's Environmental Management Office, extension 734-5014.

7. This Policy supercedes Fort Lee Policy 18-03 dated 19 April 2010.



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