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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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COMMANDER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM # 6

SUBJECT: Waste Reduction, Recycling and Affirmative Procurement of Recycled Products

1. It is the policy of the Corps of Engineers to promote good environmental stewardship at all USACE facilities and the nearly 12 million acres of land and water that we manage. It is vital that we develop and sustain programs that conserve natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Major Subordinate Commanders, district commanders, and commanders/directors outside the district structure shall initiate and/or maintain cost-effective waste reduction and recycling programs if they have not already done so.
2. Implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs fully supports Department of Defense and Army pollution prevention goals. We must aggressively establish and promote efficient material and energy use practices through conservation, materials substitution, recycling and affirmative procurement of recycled products. Buying recycled products helps close the recycling loop by putting the materials collected through recycling programs back to good use and creating markets for recycled materials. All of these measures will conserve natural resources.
3. We believe that the basis for good environmental stewardship is a personal commitment by USACE commanders to make it work. It is also necessary for everyone on the team to participate if waste reduction and recycling programs are to be successful. Proper stewardship of our resources and those of our customers begins with our obligation to conserve the natural resources that have been entrusted to us. This is a standard to which everyone throughout this organization needs to be committed. 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. Your support is essential both to beginning and continuing these programs, as well as to instilling a waste reduction and recycling ethic throughout the entire USACE community.


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