

Washington Army National Guard
Environmental Policy Statement
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The Washington Army National Guard (WAARNG) is a dynamic organization of citizen soldiers, striving for excellence and focused on readiness. Its mission is to maintain a ready, professional militia, dedicated to the highest quality of service to the nation, the state, and its communities. In preparing to meet its requirements, the WAARNG is also devoted to incorporating environmental stewardship and sustainability into all aspects of operations, while providing a force which is equipped and trained to respond to assigned federal and state contingencies and mission.

The WAARNG is committed to continual improvement in its environmental management program and to the prevention of pollution. To that end, its objectives are:

- Communicate its environmental requirements to all levels of the agency;
- provide management oversight and adequate personnel training to instill environmental stewardship, ensure an understanding of the agency environmental management system and its requirements, and obtain a commitment to compliance;
- aggressively pursue compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements at all levels of government, DOD, DA, and NGB environmental policies, regulations, and guidance, and other requirements to which the agency subscribes;
- to the extent mission requirements allow, identify and implement pollution prevention opportunities in all aspects of operations;
- and partner with federal, state, and local agencies, community groups, and other interested parties to communicate mission requirements, and minimize environmental impacts that do not obstruct readiness while concurrently pursuing opportunities for environmental excellence.

The WAARNG will continually strive to improve its environmental management by working with directorates, commands, and units to improve efficiency and effectiveness. It will provide suitable training. It will conduct annual internal evaluations to evaluate conformance with requirements, identify policy issues that must be addressed by the agency leadership, and assess the agency's performance in achieving its goals, objectives, and projected targets.

The WAARNG will ensure all documentation is complete and available to its employees. And, its environmental policy will be available to the public via the world-wide-web, which will act as a bridge to increased community awareness of the agency's environmental management programs.


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