

1 **DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

2 **PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**  
3 **COMPLIANCE AT ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND INSTALLATIONS**

4 **1. PROPOSED ACTION:** The Proposed Action and subject of this Programmatic Environmental  
5 Assessment (PEA), which is hereby incorporated by reference, is the implementation of supplementary  
6 natural resources management plans on Army Materiel Command (AMC) installations. Implementing the  
7 Proposed Action would ensure that natural resources management activities on AMC installations comply  
8 with a common set of federal, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), and Army laws, regulations, and  
9 guidance documents.

10 **2. PURPOSE OF THE PEA:** Use of the PEA by AMC installations ensures their compliance with  
11 applicable natural resources planning DoD Directives and Instructions, Army Regulation 200-1  
12 (*Environmental Protection and Enhancement*), and the Sikes Act (Title 16 of the *United States Code* 670  
13 et seq.). Use of the PEA reduces the time and cost burden on the installations of preparing a separate  
14 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for each natural resources plan, which have  
15 historically resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact. The PEA accomplishes this by using a checklist  
16 to determine whether a new or updated natural resources planning document might have a significant  
17 adverse environmental impact. Those plans for which no significant adverse effect is foreseen can use a  
18 Record of Environmental Consideration to complete their NEPA requirement. The installations bear the  
19 burden of preparing an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) only for  
20 those plans for which a significant adverse environmental impact is foreseen.

21 **3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** The PEA considered the Preferred Alternative and the No  
22 Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative was to conduct a separate NEPA analysis for each  
23 supplementary natural resources management plan required at each AMC installation. The No Action  
24 Alternative was found to be reasonable but would be more costly and require additional staff time to  
25 achieve the same result. Both the Preferred Alternative and the No Action Alternative are evaluated in  
26 the PEA. The PEA characterizes the likely environmental impacts, including impacts on human health,  
27 that could result from implementing the Preferred Alternative and the No Action Alternative.

28 **4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND MITIGATION MEASURES:** It is unlikely that  
29 significant adverse environmental impacts will result from implementing the Preferred Alternative. The  
30 Preferred Alternative includes adherence to applicable existing health, safety, and environmental  
31 regulations. Implementing standard best management practices for natural resources and human health  
32 protection during implementation of supplementary natural resources management plans will ensure  
33 environmental protection and mitigate risks to people.

34 **5. FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:** The PEA  
35 discusses the nature of the Preferred Alternative and the likely environmental effects, including  
36 cumulative effects, on all relevant resource areas associated with its implementation.

37 **6. CONCLUSIONS:** Based on the analysis, the Preferred Alternative would have no significant  
38 adverse effects on the natural or human environment. Preparation of an EIS is not required.  
39 Implementing the No Action Alternative also would have no significant adverse effects on the natural or  
40 human environment but would require additional staff time and budget to accomplish while achieving the  
41 same result.

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49 Instructions for commenting on the PEA and this Finding of No Significant Impact are provided at  
50 <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/environmental.html>. Comments must be received by 30 days from the  
51 publication of the Federal Register notice. Copies of the PEA are available for review at  
52 [http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/documents/\[doctitle\].pdf](http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/documents/[doctitle].pdf).