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Michigan Army National Guard Environmental Policy Statement **24 July 2014**

The Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) is a dynamic organization comprised of men and women committed to defending and protecting the citizens of the state of Michigan and the American public, both domestically and abroad. Readiness is a top priority. Our ability to accomplish our mission is enhanced through sustainable actions including ensuring adequate personnel strength, training proficiency, equipment serviceability, and conservation of training lands and other environmental assets. These activities occur at Michigan Army National Guard facilities and training sites across the state.

The MIARNG is committed to environmental stewardship at these facilities and training areas. A sustainable training environment is critical to our continued utilization of these resources. Through sound sustainability management practices, the MIARNG is committed to:

- Maximizing the availability of training areas and facilities to enable soldier training and readiness, today and into the future.
- Achieving an ultimate goal of Net Zero Energy, Water and Waste to sustain our natural resources and advance our nation's energy security.
- Preventing pollution of our training lands, water, and air to ensure continued utilization of these resources.
- Maintaining compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations, and other requirements to which we subscribe that relate to our environmental aspects.
- Identifying and reviewing environmental aspects, impacts, and requirements early in our force management and planning processes to minimize unforeseen delays and obstacles to mission and unit readiness.
- Establishing and reviewing, on a regular basis, environmental Objectives and Targets for improving how we manage energy, water, and waste for both environmental and mission benefits.

Adherence to these commitments, and the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) standard, is vital to MIARNG readiness and mission accomplishment. This policy will be communicated to all personnel working for or on the behalf of MIARNG, and be made available to the public.



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