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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Environmental Awareness Training

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance to Military Components on the Environmental Awareness Training available to units and individuals at Fort Drum.

2. INFORMATION:

a. Environmental Awareness (EA) Training is conducted weekly, quarterly, annually, and upon request, by PW Environmental Division. The focus of this training is field oriented and is directed to all who use Fort Drum for military training, new technology/equipment testing and fielding, construction/demolition projects, and real property actions.

b. EA Training is available to all Components (military and nonmilitary) and offices at Fort Drum. Training is also available to anyone upon request.

c. EA Training is formally provided to Active Component Units via BN XO Conferences; CDR/1SGT Courses; Local Training Area Coordinator's Conference; Safety Stand-Down Briefings; and Environmental Safety Briefings; and to Reserve Component Units via Pre-Camp Conferences; Planning Conferences; and Advanced Party Briefings.

d. EA Training is conducted every Friday at bldg. T-4848, 2nd floor conference room, 1000-1100. This training is required for all visiting units and is open to all training blocs at Fort Drum. Additional training can be requested and coordinated to serve a specific unit, function, or activity.

e. Materials used for training include: "Fort Drum: Training and the Environment" Video; Fort Drum's Environmental Guidelines; REC Forms (Fort Drum Form 541); Information Papers; Posters; Field Manual; Field cards and Off Limits Markers.

f. All soldiers should receive this training. At a minimum, the soldier required to have this training can be the unit commander and the assigned environmental compliance officer. In all cases, it is expected that the soldier will take the information presented and pass it on to other soldiers in the unit.

g. For Information about this training and to request additional training, please contact the NEPA Biologist at (315) 772-6899 OR the NEPA Program Coordinator at (315) 772-5110.

3. CONCLUSION: Knowledge of environmental policy is essential to planning and coordination for the military mission to be successful at Fort Drum. Environmental Awareness Training is an integral part of the installation mission. The cooperation of all elements utilizing Fort Drum Training Areas is appreciated as it will enhance and ultimately improve our overall mission accomplishments while also ensuring environmental compliance and future land availability.