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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR Directorates, Active Duty and Reserve Components, Tenant Activities and Agencies, Military Housing Residents, and Off-post Units/Agencies Utilizing United States Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) Facilities

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-51, Open Burn Policy

1. References.

a. Clean Air Act of 1970, United States Code, Title 42, Subchapter 85, Sections 7407, 7410, and 7416.

b. Army Regulation 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 07.

c. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Subchapter 3, Sections 11-60.1-51, 11-60.1-52.

2. Purpose. To provide an open burn policy that complies with Federal, State, and Army regulations.

3. Scope. The scope of this policy memorandum includes all open burning activities. Open burning is the burning of any material that emits smoke directly into the air. Such materials include, but are not limited to, classified documents, leaves, wood, rubbish, etc.

4. Applicability. This policy applies to all USAG-HI Directorates, active duty and reserve components, tenant activities and agencies, military housing residents, and off-post units/agencies utilizing USAG-HI facilities.

5. The Open Burning Fact Sheet (enclosed) provides a summary of open burning information related to this policy, and can also be found on the Garrison Sustainability and Environmental Management website at:
http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/AtoZ.aspx

6. Command Policy.

a. No person shall conduct open burning at any time on the USAG-HI installation unless prior approval is granted by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Division and State of Hawaii Department of Health, Clean Air Branch. The DPW, Environmental Division MUST be contacted prior to the planning of any open burning.

b. This restriction does not apply to fires used for residential barbeques.

7. This policy memorandum supersedes policy memorandum USAG-HI-51, SAB, dated 28 Oct 11 and remains in effect until cancelled or superseded in writing.

8. Proponent. The USAG-HI DPW, Environmental Division is the proponent for this policy memorandum. For additional information on this policy or assistance with any air related matters please contact the DPW Clean Air Act program staff at 656-3104.

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Open Burning

GENERAL INFORMATION

General Rule: Based on Army Garrison, HI policy and the Hawaii State Law, the burning of any material in an open fire is not allowed anywhere on the Army Garrison, HI. This includes the burning of classified documents, trash, leaves, wood, etc.

Exceptions: If there is no alternative to open burning, such as clearing a firing range, contact DPW-Environmental to obtain a permit. Residential BBQ grilling is allowed on the Garrison without prior notification.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Fire hazards may occur if the flame becomes uncontrolled and spreads to other uncontained areas.

The effects of smoke on human health is also detrimental due to the hazardous air pollutants released into the atmosphere. The inhalation of these emissions may cause cancer or lead to other adverse health effects.

Image: http://www.srmtenv.org/images/gifs/barrel.gif

BURNING ALTERNATIVES

Instead of burning, please consider:

- **Utilizing an NSA-approved shredder for classified documents.**
- **Composting yard waste such as leaves and branches.**
- **Contacting the DPW-Environmental Recycling and Solid Waste Management Programs for a list of accepted materials.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the DPW-Environmental Division with any questions regarding open burning. Also notify us if you see any open burns on the Garrison since we are subject to monetary fines for unauthorized fires.

For additional information, please refer to the following website:

EPA-Open Burning and Environmental Alternatives
http://www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/burn/burnpg.html#docs2