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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Change in Army Policy for the Elimination of Ozone Depleting Chemicals

1. References:

a. Memorandum, ASA (IL&E), 13 February 1996, subject: Ozone Depleting Chemicals at Army Installations.

b. Memorandum, ASA (I&E), 22 November 2002, subject: Elimination of Ozone Depleting Chemicals (ODCs) in Army Facilities – ACTION MEMORANDUM (encl).

2. Past Army policy directed installations to eliminate all Class I ODCs by the end of FY03 (Ref a). This policy was established for two reasons. First, Halon 1301 installed in facilities was needed at the time to support mission critical weapon system requirements. Second, international experts predicted that after 2003 the price of Halon 1301 and many chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) would make it economically prohibitive to replace them in a discharged system.

3. Recent configuration changes to certain ground combat vehicles have reduced the Army's long-term Halon 1301 requirement to the point where the installations' Halon is no longer needed for weapon systems support. Also, the reuse of CFCs recovered from retired Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (AC&R) equipment, as defined in the installations' ODC Elimination Plan, can eliminate the need to purchase new CFCs. Installations can, therefore, extend the service life of AC&R equipment beyond the commercial availability of the CFCs themselves through reuse of recovered refrigerants. Consequently, there is no compelling need for Army installations to eliminate all Class I ODCs by the end of FY03. Instead, Installation Commanders must eliminate their dependency on the commercial availability of Class I ODCs by the end of FY03.

4. Specifically, the new policy established by the ASA(I&E)'s 22 November memorandum (Reference 1b) states:

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a. CFC AC&R equipment that needs periodic recharging may be used after CYO3 as long as it is supported with CFC refrigerant that was recovered on-base.

b. Sealed CFC AC&R equipment (i.e., AC&R equipment that doesn't need recharging) may be used until retirement.

c. Halon 1301 fire suppression systems may be used until discharged, but then must be retrofitted or retired.

5. Any Halon recovered from retired systems as well as any excess CFCs may not be sold or traded, but must still be turned in to the Army ODC Reserve. IAW DFAS-IN Manual 37-100-\*\* and the Army Environmental Program Requirements Policy and Guidance (Feb 2002), projects or activities which include replacement of Class 1 ODCs, such as stationary Halon fire suppression systems and facility refrigeration and chiller equipment, are not considered to be eligible for environmental funding. These activities are funded from the appropriate account of the installation's operating budget, but not the environmental account.

6. Request widest distribution of this policy to facilities, environmental, fire and emergency services and logistics office to include the installation level. Please note that this policy applies only to those Army installations within the jurisdiction of U.S. laws and regulations. Overseas installations must comply with applicable Final Governing Standards and any applicable international treaty obligations.

7. The HQDA POC within ODEP is Mr. Douglas Warnock, (703) 693-00549, e-mail: [douglas.warnock@hqda.army.mil](mailto:douglas.warnock@hqda.army.mil). For overseas issues, the POC is Ms. Jennifer Leonard, (703) 693-0547, e-mail: [jennifer.leonard@hqda.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.leonard@hqda.army.mil). The facilities POC is Henry Gignilliat, (703) 428-7003, email [henry.gignilliat@hqda.army.mil](mailto:henry.gignilliat@hqda.army.mil).

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