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COMBAT CENTER ORDER 5090.4D

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) COMPLIANCE

Ref: (a) 32 CFR Part 775
(b) MCO P5090.2A
(c) NEPA Instructions Manual
(d) CCO 3500.4J

1. Situation. Pursuant to references (a) and (b), this Order supplements NEPA policy and procedures applicable to the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twentynine Palms, California.

2. Cancellation. CCO 5090.4C.

3. Mission. To establish MAGTFTC, MCAGCC's NEPA compliance policy and procedural guidance for activities and individuals operating aboard the Combat Center.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Commanders, Assistant Chiefs of Staff (AC/S), Directors, Officers In Charge (OIC), and contractors training and operating aboard the Combat Center will comply with this Order, the references, and the law.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Reference (c) sets forth the Combat Center's NEPA compliance policy and procedural guidance for activities and individuals operating aboard the Combat Center.

(b) Commanders, AC/S, Directors, OIC, and contractors training and operating aboard the Combat Center are responsible for supporting the AC/S, G-4 in complying with the requirements as set forth in this Order and the references.

(c) The Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Division, will manage the Combat Center's NEPA program and ensure proposed actions on the Combat Center comply with the references and this Order.

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b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Chief of Staff. Serves as the chair of the Combat Center's Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) and Environment Compliance Review Board (ECRB).

(2) Commanders, AC/S, Directors, OIC, and Action Sponsors

(a) Ensure compliance with this Order and the policies contained in the references.

(b) Ensure the complete NEPA process documentation precedes contract award and are within the contract file.

(c) Ensure the complete NEPA process documentation precedes any proposed action being executed aboard the Combat Center.

(d) Ensure violations and violators are promptly reported to the NREA Division.

(e) Attend Environmental Planning Staff and EIRB meetings as requested or required.

(3) Assistant Chief of Staff G-3. Ensure all units training at the Combat Center adhere to this Order and the references.

(4) Assistant Chief Staff G-4

(a) The Commanding General has delegated to the AC/S G-4 the responsibility for establishing policies and an instructions manual for complying with the NEPA.

(b) Ensure the NEPA instructions manual is reviewed annually, complies with higher level directives, and is available for all activities to utilize.

(c) G-4 policies and instruction manuals can be viewed at <https://wpt.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/inl/nrea/documents.asp>.

(5) Office of General Counsel

(a) Serve as a non-voting EIRB advisor and a member of the Combat Center's Environmental Planning Staff.

(b) Review the NEPA decision-making for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(c) Continually review the Combat Center's NEPA analysis process.

(d) Advise the Commanding General and staff of appropriate subsequent action.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) The NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of proposed actions. Reference (a) is the Department of the Navy's

NEPA implementation procedures. Reference (b) establishes the Marine Corps NEPA compliance procedures. Together, references (a) and (b) require action sponsors to:

(a) Consider the environmental consequences of their proposed actions early in the planning process.

(b) Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions affecting the quality of the human environment.

(c) Identify and assess the reasonable alternatives to proposed actions that will avoid or minimize adverse effects of the actions upon the quality of the human environment.

(d) Restore and enhance the quality of the human environment.

(2) Reference (d) is the Combat Center's standard operating procedures for range/training area and airspace, the primary governing directive for training and operations conducted on the Combat Center. When used with geographic information system data layers, the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, and the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, reference (d) assists commanders in understanding, analyzing, and avoiding significant impacts to the environment. Compliance with reference (d) is most effective when its procedures are incorporated into letters of instruction and operations Orders.

(3) Environmental Impact Review Board. The Combat Center's EIRB is an executive body that meets as required to assist action sponsors by reviewing proposed actions affecting the quality of the human environment. When possible, review by the EIRB may be conducted by staffing NEPA documents electronically to board members for review, concurrence, and signature. The Chairperson will task or assign ad hoc members to the board from installation organizations or tenant commands as required or as recommended by the executive agent. The composition of the EIRB is as follows:

- (a) Chief of Staff: Chairperson
- (b) AC/S G-3: Standing member
- (c) AC/S G-4: Standing member
- (d) AC/S G-5: Standing member
- (e) Office of General Counsel: Non-voting Standing member
- (f) AC/S G-4, Public Works Officer: Standing member
- (g) AC/S G-4, Director NREA Division: Executive agent

(4) Environment Compliance Review Board. The Combat Center's ECRB is an executive body that meets as needed to consider current environmental compliance and protection issues. The board reviews environmental documentation to determine if the potential for environmental degradation or public controversy exists. The Chairperson will task or assign ad hoc members to the board from installation organizations or tenant commands as required or as recommended by the executive agent. The membership is the EIRB members plus the AC/S G-8.

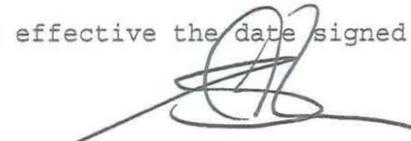
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5. Administration and Logistics. Distribution statement A directives issued by the Commanding General are distributed via e-mail upon request and can be viewed at <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/manpower/adj/ccotoc.asp>.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to military personnel, civilian employees, and contractors (incorporated by reference into contract performance requirements) operating aboard the Combat Center.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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Chief of Staff