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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum **#01-26**, Environmental Policy Statement

1. The Puerto Rico Army National Guard is a versatile organization of educated, disciplined and well-trained Citizen Soldiers committed to accomplish those missions that are in the best interest of our Nation, State and community.

2. Personnel in this organization are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. They must ensure they fully understand and conform to these laws and regulations.

3. The Puerto Rico Army National Guard is committed to protect and preserve our physical environment utilizing environmentally sound standards and evidence-based best practices.

4. Through the adoption of this policy, the Puerto Rico Army National Guard shall:

a. Support the military mission by identifying management actions required to protect and conserve natural and cultural resources and provide sustained use of the training lands.

b. Be an environmentally responsible neighbor in the communities where we operate, and act promptly and responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger human health or the environment.

c. Comply with all applicable Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations, and those other requirements to which we susbcribe.

d. Consider environmental requirements and impacts early in our planning process as they relate to military training, equipment fielding and construction projects.

e. Clean-up any contaminated sites as quickly as resources permit.

f. Continually improve pollution reduction strategies through the application of innovative processes and technologies.

g. Promote awareness by educating and training all soldiers and civilian employees on their responsibilities to support environmental protection.

5. Every employee, federal and/or state, contractor and tenant of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard is expected to adhere to the provisions set forth in this policy. Managers at all levels are expected to oversee the implementation of this policy in their respective areas of responsibility.

6. Previous Policy Statement #01-24, dated 22 July 2024 is rescinded. A copy of this policy statement will be permanently posted on all bulletin boards.

7. The point of contact concerning this memorandum is LTC Brenda Liz Acosta Cruz, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, at 787-289-1400, Ext. 1088, or email brenda.l.acosta4.mil@army.mil.

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