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DIRECTOR'S POLICY

Environmental Policy

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1. PURPOSE. This policy constitutes an environmental initiative for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). It communicates my commitment to distinguish DeCA as a leader in environmental performance in the retail food industry and the Armed Forces community. It also reflects the Agency's support for establishment of an Environmental Management System (EMS) as directed by the Department of Defense implementing memorandum, April 5, 2002, using "International Standard ISO 14001, Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use" as a guide to meet the requirements of Executive Order 13514; *"Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance,"* October 5, 2009.

2. POLICY.

a. It is the policy of DeCA, provider of the premier quality of life benefit to our Armed Forces community, to commit to protecting the environment and global communities where we work and live. We support this commitment by striving to comply with relevant Executive Orders, legislation, and regulatory requirements relative to energy and the environment.

b. DeCA is committed to the prevention of pollution through source reduction material reuse, recycling, and natural resource conservation programs. We recognize by integrating sound environmental practices into all aspects of our business, we can efficiently and effectively serve our military while conserving and enhancing resources for future generations. DeCA strives for continuous improvement in our EMS and in the environmental quality of our processes and services.

c. We understand that protecting our environment protects each employee, military family, our communities, and our natural resources. To this end, we have established the following General Environmental Principles:

(1) Environmental protection will be an objective for every DeCA employee, a responsibility of our management, and a constant consideration in our service delivery systems.

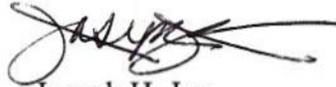
(2) We will identify, support, and promote sound business practices that enhance environmental quality.

(3) This environmental policy will be implemented, maintained, and communicated to all employees and DeCA business partners and will be available to the public and other interested third parties upon request.

(4) Environmental objectives and targets will be set by our EMS Core Team and implemented by all DeCA employees and business partners. Senior leadership will review the management system periodically, with recommendations for improvement and publication of the review.

3. RESPONSIBILITY. DeCA employees at all levels shall adhere to this policy and its stated general environmental principle, in letter and spirit. DeCA is committed to distinguish itself as a leader in environmental performance in the retail food industry and the Armed Forces community while setting an example of community environmental concern. Our continued focus on activities to improve DeCA's EMS will contribute to our competitive strength and further improve and enhance our operations while keeping service to the customer at the forefront.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Policy is effective immediately.



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