



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
Defense Commissary Agency  
Fort Lee, VA 23801-1800

## DIRECTOR'S POLICY

DP 500-11  
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Logistics and Engineering Directorate  
OPR: DeCA/LEE

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Policy

**1. PURPOSE.** This Director's Policy (DP) communicates the commitment of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) as a leader in environmental management in the retail food industry and the Armed Forces community. It fulfills the requirements for Federal agencies to maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) by Executive Order (EO) 13693 -- Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade, March 25, 2015, by using International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001, EMS as a guide. This DP supersedes DP 500-11, dated September 30, 2015.

### 2. POLICY.

a. DeCA's environmental mission is to protect the environment where we work and live. We demonstrate this commitment through compliance with EOs, Federal and State legislation, and Department of Defense policies relative to energy and the environment.

b. DeCA is committed to the prevention of pollution through source reduction, material reuse, recycling, and conservation. By integrating sound environmental practices in all aspects of our business, we can better serve our military community as well as conserve and enhance the natural environment for future generations.

c. DeCA will continuously improve upon our processes and services to protect and enhance our environment in accordance with (IAW) EO 13693 or whenever the process and/or service has been determined to be beneficial and economically expedient.

d. DeCA understands that by protecting the environment we protect each military family, employee, community, and our limited natural resources. To this end, we commit that:

(1) Environmental protection is a responsibility of every DeCA employee and will be a constant consideration in our service delivery systems.

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

(3) This DP will be implemented, maintained, and communicated to all employees and business partners. It is available to the public and other interested parties upon request.

(4) Environmental objectives and targets set by our EMS core team will be implemented by all DeCA employees and business partners. Senior leadership will review the management system annually and provide recommendations for improvement.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES.** DeCA employees, at all levels, will perform their jobs in a way that complies with this policy. Our continued focus on activities to improve DeCA's EMS will contribute to our competitive strength and enhance our operations while keeping service to the customer at the forefront.

**4. APPLICABILITY.** This DP assigns responsibility for accomplishing the requirements of DoD Publications program, in accordance with DoDI 5025.01. This DP applies to all DeCA activities and all DeCA personnel.

**5. RELEASABILITY.** **Cleared for public release.** This DP is available on DeCA's Internet Website at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This DP is effective immediately.



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