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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: TRADOC Policy Letter 22, Guidance on Explosive Safety Management Program (ESMP)

1. References:

a. AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy), 18 March 2008, Rapid Action Revision issued 20 September 2012.

b. DA PAM 385-64 (Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards), 24 May 2011, Rapid Action Revision issued 10 October 2013.

c. AR 385-10 (The Army Safety Program), 27 November 2013.

d. Summary of Findings, DA Fiscal Year 2012 Explosives Safety Reviews.

2. Annual Army Explosive Safety Inspections have highlighted serious flaws in the Army ESMP. The top three discrepancies noted were:

a. Fifty-four percent of locations inspected had inadequate, or no standard operating procedures in place for explosive operations.

b. Fifty percent of inspected locations did not have an Explosive Safety Certification Board.

c. At forty-six percent of inspected locations, ESMP was inadequate or non-existent.

3. Responsibilities.

a. In accordance with (IAW) references 1a, 1b, and 1c above, senior commanders are responsible for effective explosive safety management. They will ensure an ESMP is established and that required tasks and responsibilities as described in reference 1c, paragraph 5-3 are clearly defined and understood by all installation units and organizations.

b. The safety directors of all organizations will establish, manage, and direct the organization's ESMP IAW reference 1c. The senior commander will appoint the safety director to manage the installation master ESMP.

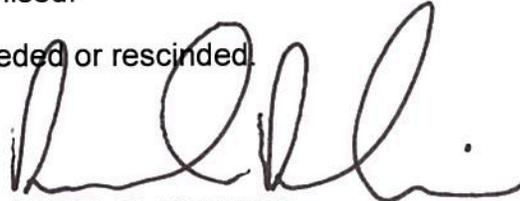
c. The senior commander will ensure the safety director responsible for the installation master ESMP coordinates documents, such as memorandums of agreement/understanding, orders, etc., as required, to explain responsibilities, tasks, and reports in detail. At a minimum, the ESMP will address those documents listed in reference 1c above.

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d. Each senior commander will ensure there is only one master installation ESMP. All units/organizations that have an ammunition/explosive mission will develop a unit ESMP, which will be IAW, and attached as an annex to the master installation ESMP. Publication of a master installation ESMP will reduce confusion over responsibilities and ensure that explosive safety is not compromised.

4. This policy letter is effective until superseded or rescinded.



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