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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

S: 15 February 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Environmental Review Guide for Operations (ERGO)

1. I am enclosing the Environmental Review Guide for Operations (ERGO), a checklist for analyzing compliance with environmental laws and regulations at our operating projects. Copies are being sent to all District Operations offices for distribution to projects. We are releasing ERGO as a test document for use during the remainder of FY 91. An implementation workshop is in the planning stage. Specifics will be provided later.

2. Lieutenant General Hatch, in his 14 February 1990 letter, "Strategic Direction for Environmental Engineering", echoed Secretary Cheney's call for DOD to be the "Federal leader in environmental compliance and protection." ERGO is a pro-active approach to compliance.

3. The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory developed ERGO. A steering committee with Division, District and project members from Operations elements provided guidance and direction. Their goal was to produce a self-assessment tool for managers of operating projects with District teams, State agencies, contractors and the United States Army Toxic and Hazardous Waste Agency as potential sources of support.

4. Environmental compliance is a legal and ethical responsibility, an integral part of doing business. I ask that you apply ERGO at one or more projects in each District this FY.

5. We will need feedback to update ERGO for full implementation in FY 92. Every Division and District Operations office should formally designate an environmental compliance coordinator. These individuals will be our POCs regarding ERGO and other environmental matters. They will act as liaisons with the various functional areas within Operations organizations, and with POCs from other elements with environmental responsibilities. Please forward the names, office symbols, and telephone numbers of your Division and District environmental compliance coordinators to CECW-ON, ATTN: Jim Wolcott by 15 February 1991.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS:

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