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Affairs, and Logistics), for monitoring the continuing cooperation and the exchange of information with other nations concerning the environment.

(c) The General Counsel, DoD, shall provide advice and assistance concerning the requirements of Executive Order 12114 and this part.

(d) The Secretaries of the Military Departments, Directors of the Defense Agencies, and Commanders of the Unified and Specified Commands, for operations under their jurisdiction, shall:

(1) Prepare and consider environmental documents when required by this directive for proposed actions within their respective DoD component (this reporting requirement has been assigned Report Control Symbol DD-M(AR) 1327 (§187.6));

(2) Insure that regulations and other major policy issuances are reviewed for consistency with Executive Order 12114 and this part;

(3) Designate a single point-of-contact for matters pertaining to this part; and

(4) Consult with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) on significant or sensitive actions or decisions affecting relations with another nation.


§187.6 Information requirements.
The documents to be prepared under §187.5(d) and Enclosures 1 and 2, “Requirements for Environmental Considerations—Global Commons,” and “Requirements for Environmental Considerations—Foreign Nations and Protected Global Resources,” respectively, are assigned Report Control Symbol DD-M(AR) 1327.


ENCLOSURE 1 TO PART 187—REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS—GLOBAL COMMONS

A. General. This enclosure implements the requirements of Executive Order 12114 with respect to major Department of Defense actions that do significant harm to the environment of the global commons. The focus is not the place of the action, but the location of the environment with respect to which there is significant harm. The actions prescribed by this enclosure are the exclusive and complete requirement for taking account of environmental considerations with respect to Department of Defense activities that affect the global commons.

B. Actions included. The requirements of this enclosure apply only to major Federal actions that do significant harm to the environment of the global commons.

C. Environmental Document Requirements—1. General. When an action is determined to be a major Federal action that significantly harms the environment of the global commons, an environmental impact statement, as described below, will be prepared to enable the responsible decision-making official to be informed of pertinent environmental considerations. The statement may be a specific statement for the particular action, a generic statement covering the entire class of similar actions, or a program statement.

2. Limitations on Actions. Until the requirements of this enclosure have been met with respect to actions involving the global commons, no action concerning the proposal may be taken that does significant harm to the environment or limits the choice of reasonable alternatives.

3. Emergencies. Where emergency circumstances make it necessary to take an action that does significant harm to the environment without meeting the requirements of this enclosure, the DoD component concerned shall consult with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics). This includes actions that must be taken to promote the national defense or security and that cannot be delayed, and actions necessary for the protection of life or property.

4. Combining Documents. Environmental documents may be combined with other agency documents to reduce duplication. If an environmental impact statement for a particular action already exists, regardless of what Federal agency prepared it, no new statement is required by this part.

5. Collective Statements. Consideration should be given to the use of generic and program statements. Generic statements may include actions with relevant similarities such as common timing, environmental effects, alternatives, methods of implementation, or subject matter.

6. Tiering. Consideration should be given to tiering of environmental impact statements to eliminate repetitive discussions of the same issue and to focus the issues. Tiering refers to the coverage of general matters in broader environmental impact statements, with succeeding narrower statements or environmental analyses that incorporate by reference the general discussion and concentrate only on the issues specific to the statement subsequently prepared.