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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS

1. Purpose. This letter provides guidance on the application of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) Standards in the design of facilities.

2. Applicability. This letter applies to all HQUSACE/OCE elements and to all field operating activities (FOA) having civil works and/or military construction design responsibilities.

3. Background.

The requirements for Federal agencies to have safety standards, at least equivalent to the OSHA Standards, are established by law (Sec. 10a., PL 91-596 and 29 CFR 1960, 42b.), by Presidential Directive (Sec. 2 and 3, Executive Order 12196), and by DoD Directive 1000.3.

4. Action to be Taken.

a. Designs for new construction, alteration or rehabilitation will comply with the applicable OSHA Standards, as set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Chapter XVII, Parts 1910 and 1926.

b. Where conflicts exist between the OSHA Standards and other design criteria (i.e., DoD 4270.1-M, Construction Criteria, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, Host Nation), the standard that provides the greater degree of safety will take precedence.

c. Every attempt will be made to comply with the OSHA Standards in the design of military unique facilities. In cases where such requirements interfere with the accomplishment of a critical defense mission, alternative criteria that provide the greatest possible degree of safety will be used.

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d. The following paragraph will be inserted into all Architect Engineer design contracts:

"Health and Safety Standards. The facilities, systems, and equipment designed under this contract shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Chapter XVII, Parts 1910 and 1926. Any problems in incorporating these standards due to conflicts with other technical criteria will be submitted to the contracting officer for resolution."

5. Implementation. This letter will have routine application for military construction as defined in paragraph 6c, ER 1110-345-100, and will apply to all future civil works projects.

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