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Chair EPWG and related custodian
Info: All TA/DTAs

AJEPP-SRD-1 EDA V1 - NATO EP OFFICER MANUAL FOR NATO-LED MILITARY ACTIVITIES – ALLOCATION AND DETAILED TASKING

Reference: NSO(JOINT)2018(2022)EP, dated 23 September 2022

1. With the reference, the Military Committee Joint Standardization Board (MCJSB) approved the draft Standardization Task.
2. The Environmental Protection Working Group is tasked by this letter to develop the Standardization Related Document in accordance with AAP-3.
3. The NSO allocated the following long title to the Standardization Related Document (SRD);

AJEPP-SRD-1 EDITION A, VERSION 1 - NATO EP OFFICER MANUAL FOR NATO-LED MILITARY ACTIVITIES

4. The custodianship for this document is given to USA.
5. AJEPP-SRD-1 should be forwarded to the MCJSB as soon as possible but not later than end of **December 2024**

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Enclosure: Standardization Task for AJEPP-SRD-1, EDA V1 - NATO EP OFFICER MANUAL FOR NATO-LED MILITARY ACTIVITIES

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STANDARDIZATION TASK

1. Reference Number: NSO(JOINT)1021(2022)EP	2. Date: 26/09/2022
3. Tasking Authority (TA)/Delegated Tasking Authority (DTA): MCJSB	
4. Subject: NATO EP Officer Manual for NATO-led Military Activities	
5. Standardization Need and Impact on Interoperability: It has been identified by ACO that many EP staff officers entering positions within the NCS, NFS, and/or participating on NATO operations or training, come into their jobs with little or no experience/training in EP. This inhibits the proper integration of EP considerations into staff products at all levels and increases NATO vulnerability to avoidable environmental damage that can (i) undermine support of Host Nation and local populations, (ii) lead to unnecessary responsibility and potentially lengthy legal liability claims for impacts to human health (e.g., NATO personnel, local populations) and the environment, and (iii) divert scarce operational resources (e.g., personnel, equipment) from intended tasks to meet environmental response requirements.	
6. Urgency: While several NATO organizations, Member nations, and partner nations have stated the importance of developing this document, there is no firm requirement to deem it urgent. The standard should be completed within 2 years.	
7. Fast Track Procedure: No requirement.	
8. Standardization Solution: This manual will help better achieve a common level of direction, guidance, and understanding for all NATO EPOs in their duties. Although the NATO EP community has EP direction and guidance within MC 469/1 and the Allied Joint Environmental Protection Publication (AJEPP) series, these documents do not have a sufficient depth of experienced advice to novice Environmental Protection Officers (EPOs) across NATO organizations, and those from NATO Members and NATO partner nations participating on NATO-led activities, who are learning to undertake their important duties. This knowledge gap cannot simply be closed by NATO-accredited EP training courses held at NATO School and the MILENG COE. The proposed manual is needed to provide a single location where this advice can be developed and improved over time so that NATO continues to improve its EP performance on operations and training. Proposed topics to be addressed include: EPO roles and responsibilities; qualities of an effective EPO; EPO preparation/training (including mil trg and civ qualifications); participating in exercise planning conferences and JOPGs; EP contributions to staff products (paragraph/annex/appendix); translation of EP policy/standards to theatre/camp-specific SOPs; providing EP advice to commanders and other HQ staff; identifying EP factors, policy and legal factors; risk assessment (identifying hazards, how to assess, applying controls, peer review); risk communication (mil/gov/public); effective EP audit and incident investigations/trend analysis; public and government stakeholder engagement; handling EP complaints; EP coordination in a multinational context; building a business case for EP-related improvements; tools, technologies, and resources for EP; post-exercise/post-deployment review and lessons learned development.	
9. Related Capabilities: Not applicable	

<p>10. Level of Standardization: [Indicate the level of standardization to be achieved through the implementation of the standardization solution.] <input type="checkbox"/> Compatibility <input type="checkbox"/> Interchangeability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commonality</p> <p>Additional information: Indicate any limitation.</p>
<p>11. Covering Document: [Indicate the covering document for the standardization solution.] <input type="checkbox"/> STANAG <input type="checkbox"/> STANREC</p>
<p>12. Non-NATO Standardization Solutions: Products produced by the USA/FIN/SWE Trilateral Partnership could be of great assistance in helping to develop the proposed manual</p>
<p>13. Working Group: NATO Environmental Protection Working Group</p>
<p>14. Custodian: USA, Mr. Jared L. Johnson, U.S. Army Engineer School Directorate of Environmental Integration, jared.l.johnson.civ@army.mil, +1 573-563-7643</p>
<p>15. Partner Nations' Involvement: Partner nation involvement is supported through the EP WG. Partner nations are to be invited to adopt the manual subsequent to promulgation.</p>
<p>16. NATO Bodies' Involvement: SHAPE, JFCs, SSCs, NFS, NFIUs, JWC, ACO Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency WG.</p>
<p>17. Engagement with Other Actors: MILENG COE, ENSEC COE, ongoing SPS/STO projects such as SPS G5525, STO AVN-249.</p>
<p>18. Classification and Release: NATO Unclassified</p>
<p>19. Languages Required: [Indicate the language in which the standardization solution needs to be available.] <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both</p>
<p>20. Promulgation Criteria: 15</p>
<p>21. NATO Effective Date: No firm requirement</p>
<p>22. Relationship to Existing NATO Documents: Proposed manual will be a standards related document for MC 469/1 and NATO Allied Joint Environmental Protection Publication (AJEPP) series.</p>
<p>23. Military Services Affected: Indicate the military services affected by the identified standardization solution. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
<p>24. Other Information: This ST was developed with the assistance of Mr. Joroen Rottink, Senior Advisor / Section Head of the Safety, Quality, Occupational Health and Environmental Protection Section Defence Materiel Organization, Ministry of Defence, The Netherlands.</p>
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<p>26. Signature: _____ [ST should be signed by TA/DTA chair or secretary]</p>