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Abstract Title: Installation Environmental Excellence Certification Program (IECCP) for Virginia

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Abstract Synopsis: The purpose of the Installation Environmental Excellence Certification Program (IECCP) for Virginia is to recognize environmental initiatives at Department of Defense (DoD) installations throughout the state. This effort assists the Commonwealth of Virginia in determining the status of installation restoration and conservation efforts to meet its environmental goals.

Abstract: The Installation Environmental Excellence Certification Program (IECCP) provides each DoD installation in the Commonwealth of Virginia with an opportunity to highlight their environmental contributions. Each DoD installation in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been asked to complete an Installation Environmental Scorecard that evaluates the installation's performance on the following measures: Biological Resources, Habitat Protection and Restoration, Watershed Protection and Restoration, Land Use, Environmental Stewardship, Environmental Management Plans, and Environmental Compliance. The Installation Environmental Scorecard score is based on the sum of their total scores for each performance measure. Depending on the results of the scores, each installation may be eligible to earn an Environmental Excellence Certification from the state. An installation that earns the certification will receive a formal recognition of their accomplishments from the Commonwealth of Virginia at an awards ceremony to be held annually. In addition to highlighting environmental contributions through the state, IECCP seeks to strengthen interactions between DoD, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and localities. This allows DoD to more closely align its environmental endeavors with those of the community and build a stronger working relationship with the state and local governments. The ultimate goal of the IECCP is to help the Commonwealth of Virginia identify DoD installations which have excelled above and beyond their environmental commitments and to determine the status of installation restoration and conservation efforts to protect natural resources.

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