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SUBJ/MARINE CORPS CONSTITUTION AND CONSOLIDATION OF NUCLEAR,

BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT (NBCDE)//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. EFFECTIVE 24 NOV 2003, THE MARINE CORPS WILL CONSOLIDATE NBCDE FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM MANAGER (PM) FOR NBCDE, MARCORSYSCOM. THIS PROGRAM WILL RELIEVE OPERATIONAL UNITS FROM GARRISON NBCDE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES BY EMPLOYING CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT (CLS) TO MANAGE UNIT INVENTORIES FROM 13 CONSOLIDATED STORAGE FACILITIES (CSFs) ACROSS OUR MEFS, TO INCLUDE RESERVES AND THE MARINE CORPS NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.

2. BACKGROUND. MOS 5711 NBCDE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE INCREASED AT A COST TO OPERATIONAL READINESS. STORAGE OF NBCDE IN UNIT WAREHOUSES, WITH SUSTAINMENT AND REPLENISHMENT LEFT TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING FROM O&M FUNDS, HAS HISTORICALLY PROVED COSTLY AND INEFFICIENT DURING THE BUILDUP TO COMBAT OPERATIONS. DUE TO AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND COSTLY INVENTORY OF NBCDE, DEFICIENCIES HIGHLIGHTED BY CURRENT CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS, AND EMERGING HOMELAND DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, WE HAD TO REEXAMINE THE PROCESS FOR THE NBCDE TRAINING AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR UNITS. AS A RESULT OF A STUDY BY THE NBCD PM, I APPROVED CONSOLIDATION OF THE FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS NBCDE INVENTORY UNDER THE PM FOR NBCDE, MARCORSYSCOM. THIS EFFORT BEST SUPPORTS EQUIPMENT READINESS, VISIBILITY OF ASSETS, UNIT RESPONSIVENESS, AND LEVEL FUNDING WHILE ALLOWING OUR UNITS TO FOCUS ON NBC TRAINING INTEGRATION.

3. PP&O AND THE NBCD PM WILL PROVIDE A ROAD SHOW BRIEF TO ALL MARFORS AND MEFS TO ENSURE THAT ALL UNDERSTAND THE SCOPE OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT. ADDITIONALLY, PM, NBCD, MARCORSYSCOM WILL PUBLISH THE DETAILED PLAN FOR CONSTITUTION AND CONSOLIDATION WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THIS ALMAR.

4. DIRECT LIAISON AND COORDINATION BETWEEN HQMC, THE MARFORS, SUPPORTING COMMANDS, AND MARCORSYSCOM (PM NBCD) IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED.

5. KEEP ATTACKING. SEMPER FIDELIS, M. W. HAGEE, GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS, COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.//