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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
(ENVIRONMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Implementation of Sikes Act Improvement Amendments: Supplemental  
Guidance concerning Leased Lands

This memo provides supplemental guidance for implementing Sikes Act  
Improvement Amendments requirements consistently throughout the Department of  
Defense. It adds to implementing guidance dated October 10, 2002 and November 1,  
2004 same subject.

The attached guidance covers lands occupied by tenants or lessees or being used by  
others pursuant to a permit, license, right of way, or any other form of permission.

These guidelines are effective immediately. If you have any questions, please  
contact Mr. Peter Boice at (703) 604-0524.

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Attachment:  
As stated



## **SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIKES ACT IMPROVEMENT ACT\***

### **Additional Guidance Concerning INRMP Preparation**

#### Scope of the Review

#### *Legislative Language*

Section 101(a)(1) of the Sikes Act [16 U.S.C. 670a(1)(B)] states that the Secretary of Defense “shall prepare and implement an integrated natural resources management plan (INRMP) for each military installation in the United States under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.”

#### *DoD Policy*

Section 670a(a)(1)(B) requires the preparation of an INRMP for each military installation in the United States with extant natural resources. Each such INRMP must address resource management on all of the lands for which the subject installation has real property accountability, including lands occupied by tenants or lessees or being used by others pursuant to a permit, license, right of way, or any other form of permission. Installation commanders may require tenants, lessees, permittees, and other parties that request permission to occupy or use installation property to accept responsibility, as a condition of their occupancy or use, for performing appropriate natural resource management actions. This does not, however, obviate the need to address natural resource management on any such lands in the INRMP. DoD is answerable to the public for the conservation, protection, and management of natural resources on all of the lands that have been entrusted to the Department; we can discharge this obligation only if the scope of our INRMPs matches the scope of our responsibilities.

\*This guidance should be used in conjunction with OSD policy memo “Implementation of Sikes Act Improvement Act: Updated Guidance, dated October 10, 2002 and November 1, 2004.