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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Mandatory Hazard Communication (HAZCOM)/Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Training

1. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently revised its Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) Standard by aligning it with the United Nations' global chemical labeling system. This change requires all federal employees who work with hazardous chemicals to be trained on the new label elements and safety data sheet format. In addition to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 1910.1200 training requirements, training must be completed NLT 1 December 2013.

2. The revision to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard will improve the quality, consistency, and clarity of hazard information that workers receive, making the workplace safer and keeping it consistent with the standards of the global marketplace.

3. Army leaders at all levels must ensure subordinate unit/organizational safety professionals meet the following requirements:

a. Integrate HAZCOM/GHS training into organizational/unit HAZCOM training.

b. Coordinate, execute, and record all HAZCOM/GHS training. All ACOMs, DRUs, and ASCCs will submit an implementation strategy by 30 April 2013, and report compliance on or before 1 December 2013 to the POC listed below.

4. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center (USACRC) has developed HAZCOM/GHS training material and resources to assist leaders in completing this training requirement. These materials are available online at <https://safety.army.mil/ghs>.

5. My point of contact is Mr. Mark Atkins, Director for Safety at (703) 697- 3123, or email: mark.g.atkins.civ@mail.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KH", is positioned above the name "Katherine Hammack".

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