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Subject: DoD Directive 4270.5, Military Construction

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The new Department of Defense Directive DoDD 4270.5, "Military Construction," dated 12 February 2005 is available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/42705.htm>.

This Directive:

- a. Establishes policies and responsibilities for the military construction program and the assignment of DoD construction agents for the design and construction of military construction program facilities.
- b. Delegates statutory authorities and responsibilities relating to military construction.
- c. Reissues and renames DoD Directive 4270.5, "Military Construction Responsibilities," dated March 2, 1982 (obsolete).
- d. Consolidates the information previously contained in DoD Directive 4270.36, "DoD Emergency, Contingency, and Other Unprogrammed Construction Projects, dated May 17, 1997 (cancelled).
- e. Cancels DoD Directive 1315.6, "Responsibilities for Military Troop Construction Support of the Department of the Air Force Overseas," dated August 26, 1978.


A few key points/changes in the directive include:

1. (Para 3.1). Approval and coordination requirements associated with "Blanket Agreements" have been incorporated in the update. This applies to a class of projects or a set of associated projects (i.e. Dormitories). This does not include the 5% agreement in the Military Construction Air Force (MCAF) Program Management Plan (PgMP).
2. (Para 4.3.3.1) When USACE agrees to an alternate agent request from the Air Force for a specific project, the Air Force is not required to get OSD approval to serve as design and construction agent. This is administered through our 5% agreement. Districts/MSCs must notify HQUSACE National Account Manager when they are aware of a project being targeted for alternate agent assignment.
3. (Para 4.3.4) Directive is more specific concerning the Reserve components. The Reserves must comply with the same rules as the Active components.
4. (Para 4.4.1) Family Housing, Outside the United States is rewritten. The words "*O&M type repair and improvement*" have been deleted to clarify that Family Housing in the military construction authorization and appropriation acts include Construction as well as Improvements.

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5. (Para 4.7) Directive mandates use of Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) “to the greatest extent possible”.
6. The geographic assignments (countries) for DoD Construction Agent responsibilities was updated to include countries that were not previously assigned.
7. This bulletin has been coordinated with Office of the Chief Counsel. Point of Contact for this bulletin is Jane Smith, CEMP-II, 202-761-5771.



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