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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
(INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT AND LOGISTICS)  
STAFF DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DSS-E)

SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Policy to Use Pollinator-Friendly Management Prescriptions

This memorandum expands DoD policy to use current best management practices, as appropriate, specifically to protect pollinators (e.g., bees, birds, bats, butterflies, moths) and their habitats, and establishes policy to coordinate with partners on pollinator issues.

In accordance with DoD Instruction 4150.07 "DoD Pest Management Program" (May 2008) and DoD Instruction 4715.03 "Natural Resources Conservation Program" (March 2011), it is DoD policy to, when possible and to the extent practicable, use native landscaping and minimize the use of pesticides, to include herbicides, in sensitive habitats (e.g., in wetlands or where listed species may occur).

Further, it is DoD policy for Military Departments to coordinate, when appropriate and to the extent feasible, with other agencies (e.g., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Environmental Protection Agency) and non-governmental organizations (e.g., Bat Conservation International, and Pollinator Partnership) on habitat and pollinator issues. This policy is not intended to, and does not create, expand, or diminish any legally enforceable substantive or procedural responsibilities.

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