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SUBJECT: Army Directive 2018-07-13 (Prioritizing Efforts—Readiness and Lethality (Update 13))

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.01 (DoD Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program), October 14, 2014.
- b. DoDI 6055.19 (Aviation Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Programs (AHIRAPs)), April 11, 2017.
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 385-10 (The Army Safety Program), 24 February 2017.
- d. AR 608-1 (Army Community Service), 19 October 2017.

2. Background. On 13 April 2018, I directed all Army units, organizations, and agencies to prioritize activities that build and sustain combat readiness. To support that effort, I have directed the rescission of certain requirements.

3. Purpose. This directive rescinds additional risk mitigation requirements.

4. Applicability. This directive applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve. It also applies to Department of the Army Civilian employees, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Civil Works activities, tenants, and volunteers pursuant to section 1588, Title 10, United States Code, and AR 608-1.

5. Policy. Commanders have full authority to exercise their individual discretion to simplify, reduce, or eliminate the following risk mitigation requirements. Headquarters, Department of the Army no longer requires these risk mitigation requirements. The elimination of these requirements does not relieve commanders of their responsibility for the safety of human and material resources.

- a. Supervisory and operating personnel who direct or affect the actions of others are no longer required to conduct safety meetings (such as safety awareness, training, and procedures review) with the Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians who they supervise.

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b. Army aviation commanders are not required to establish a written commander's safety philosophy or to include that philosophy in the unit's training guidance.

c. Army aviation units do not require an officer or noncommissioned officer for foreign object damage prevention. They may delegate responsibility to implement a program for foreign object damage prevention to the unit's aviation safety officer.

6. Proponent. The Director of the Army Staff (DAS) is the proponent for this policy. The DAS will revise AR 385-10 to implement these rescissions as soon as possible.

7. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.



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