



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2019-21 (Restrictions on Personnel Claim Payments)

1. References:

a. The Military and Civilian Employees' Personnel Claims Act, Title 31, United States Code, sections 3701, 3702, and 3721 (2004).

b. Army Regulation 27-20 (Claims), 8 February 2008.

2. Effective immediately, the Army will no longer pay claims for unusual occurrences under the Personnel Claims Act (reference 1a) when the damage is caused by flood, hurricane, earthquake, or other acts of nature or weather phenomena.

3. This policy change encourages individual responsibility for personal property. Soldiers should ensure they maintain private insurance against personal property losses caused by adverse weather and other hazards insurance normally covers.

4. I am the exception and waiver authority for this policy. Requests for exceptions to this policy will be routed through The Judge Advocate General and the Army General Counsel for final determination.

5. This policy applies to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

6. The Judge Advocate General is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into Army Regulation 27-20 (reference 1b) within 2 years from the date of this directive.

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 This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark T. Esper".

Mark T. Esper

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