



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2012-10 (The Army Special Programs Directorate)

1. Purpose. I hereby establish the Army Special Programs Directorate (ASPD) as the Army Special Access Program Central Office (SAPCO) and the Sensitive Activities Oversight Office.¹ The ASPD conducts its activities under my authority, direction and control and executes its missions and functions on my behalf. I expect all Army commands, organizations and personnel to be proactive in affording the ASPD and the other members of my sensitive activities oversight team, as set forth in this directive, unfettered and continuing access to any and all information and operational data they deem necessary to accomplish their oversight missions and functions.

2. Scope. This directive outlines the ASPD's general missions and functions, its organizational structure and its relationship to the Secretariat and Army Staff. ASPD roles and responsibilities as they relate to the execution of the missions and functions of SAPCO and the Sensitive Activities Oversight Office are further enumerated in Army Regulation 380-381 (Special Access Programs (SAPs) and Sensitive Activities).

3. ASPD General Missions and Functions

a. SAPCO. The ASPD administers and manages the Army SAPCO; develops and implements policies and procedures to address SAP information, personnel and industrial security, information assurance and information system security requirements; and maintains Army SAP records.

b. Sensitive Activities Oversight Office. The ASPD develops and implements policy and procedures, and reports and implements the results of Headquarters, Department of the Army oversight, compliance inspection and audit processes to provide centralized oversight of Army sensitive activities.

4. ASPD Organizational Structure

a. The ASPD is aligned under the Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Army. The ASPD is led by a Director and Deputy Director, and has three divisions: Oversight, Information Technology and Security.

¹ ASPD is the successor organization to the Technology Management Office (TMO). Any authorities, responsibilities or functions assigned to TMO in existing Army regulations, directives or policies are now vested in ASPD. The term "Army Special Programs Directorate (ASPD)" will replace "Technology Management Office (TMO)" as those regulations, directives and policies are updated in future issuances.

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b. Rating Scheme

(1) Director ASPD. Rater: Vice Director of the Army Staff, Senior Rater: Director of the Army Staff. The Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 and Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-2 each shall provide formal or informal input in establishing performance objectives for the Director ASPD and, to the extent any such performance objective involves matters under the policy authority of the CIO/G-6 or DCS, G-2, in assessing the performance of the Director.

(2) Deputy Director ASPD. Rater: Director ASPD, Senior Rater: Vice Director of the Army Staff.

(3) Oversight Division Chief. Rater: Deputy Director ASPD, Senior Rater: Director ASPD.

(4) Information Technology Division Chief. Rater: CIO/G-6 or designee, Senior Rater: Deputy Director ASPD.

(5) Security Division Chief. Rater: DCS, G-2 Security Division Chief, Senior Rater: Deputy Director ASPD.

5. ASPD Relationship to the Secretariat and Army Staff

a. SAPCO

(1) In executing this mission, the ASPD serves under my overall authority, direction and control. The Vice Chief of Staff, in his role as Chair of the Special Access Program Oversight Committee, will provide overall supervision of the ASPD in its performance of SAPCO missions and functions. The Vice Chief of Staff may further delegate day-to-day supervisory and support responsibilities to the Director of the Army Staff.

(2) In conducting activities related to information assurance or information systems security, the ASPD will implement policies established by the CIO/G-6.

(3) In conducting activities related to information, personnel and industrial security, and foreign disclosure activities, the ASPD will implement policies established by the DCS, G-2.

b. Sensitive Activities Oversight Office. In executing this mission, the ASPD serves under my overall authority, direction and control. The Vice Chief of Staff will provide overall supervision of the ASPD in its performance of oversight missions and functions for sensitive activities. The Vice Chief of Staff may further delegate day-to-day supervisory and support responsibilities to the Director of the Army Staff.

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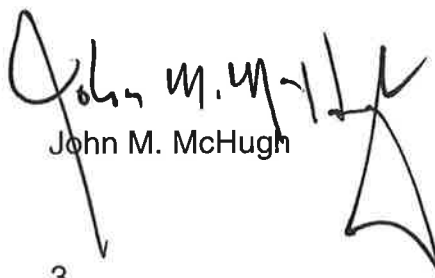
6. Sensitive Activities Oversight Team. The ASPD will team with the Office of General Counsel; Office of The Judge Advocate General; Office of the Department of the Army Inspector General; U.S. Army Audit Agency; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Special Programs; U.S. Army Finance Command; and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Field Investigative Unit to ensure effective oversight of Army sensitive activities.

7. Reservation of Authority. I reserve the authority to review and take action on matters relating to our Army's conduct of, or support to, the most sensitive or unusual activities. I expect you to exercise your judgment as to those activities that should be forwarded for my approval even when you typically exercise approval authority for sensitive, but otherwise routine activities. Further, the Office of General Counsel, or any other member of my sensitive activities oversight team, may determine that a particular activity warrants my approval, concurrence or review.

8. Staffing of Sensitive Activities Through ASPD. Sensitive activities requiring or warranting my approval, concurrence or review shall be staffed through ASPD. This includes, but is not limited to, matters related to SAPs, Alternative Compensatory Control Measures (ACCMs) or selected intelligence or operational information that is the subject of a report to, or decision by, the senior staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, or equivalent staffs of other DoD Components or other Government agencies. Army activities approved by the Secretary of Defense in a deployment order or under the authority of a combatant command are excluded.

9. Organizational Oversight. Our oversight must be a partnership; your engagement with and support to the ASPD and my oversight team is essential. Therefore, I expect each of you to remain directly informed about your organization's participation in any Army sensitive activities or the sensitive activities of another DoD Component or other Government agency, including SAPs, ACCMs or equivalent programs. Additionally, I expect your support to ensure that a key general officer or member of the Senior Executive Service participates in recurring internal reviews of sensitive activities and that staffs conducting or administering such activities receive security training. These internal reviews must include thorough inspections of SAP security mechanisms to ensure that Army SAP security measures are properly established and maintained.

10. Effective Date. This directive is effective immediately and rescinds Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 18 May 06, subject: Oversight of Sensitive Activities. The provisions of this directive will be incorporated into the next revision of Army Regulation 380-381, and publication of the revision will rescind this directive.


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