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SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-15 (Change in the Army's Random Deterrence Drug Testing Program)

1. References:

a. Army Regulation 600-85 (The Army Substance Abuse Program), 28 December 2012.

b. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 19 Oct 2015, subject: Army Substance Abuse Program.

2. Reference 1a, chapter 4, paragraph 4-2d states that the Army's random Drug Testing Program should be managed at the battalion level, with the battalion-level commander, or their designated representative, randomly selecting and testing 4–5 percent of the battalion strength each week and detailing different companies to conduct the collection each week. This requirement has proven to be extremely burdensome for units to execute.

3. Effective immediately, this requirement is rescinded. Instead, commanders at every level will ensure random urinalysis testing at the rate of 10 percent of assigned end strength each month. The primary method for selection should be the inspection random (IR) drug testing code. Soldiers not selected for random urinalysis during the first three quarters of each fiscal year will be selected for testing during the fourth quarter using the inspection other (IO) test basis code. Commanders should not use unit sweep testing to meet this requirement.

4. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for the Army Substance Abuse Program and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into the next revision of Army Regulation 600-85. This directive will be rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.

5. Direct any questions to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1's Army Resiliency Directorate, Army Substance Abuse Program.

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