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SUBJECT: Department Drug Demand Reduction Policy – Response to the
Threat in U.S. Central Command Theaters of Operation

Afghanistan poses a unique threat from exposure to illicit drugs to all military personnel serving in that Theater of Operations. Based on this fact, the Secretaries of the Military Departments will ensure that the following efforts are in place:

- All military members in Afghanistan for more than 60 days are included in the random testing population that will continue to be tested at the test rate of one-test-per-member-per-year standard;
- Preventative drug abuse education and treatment assets are fully integrated into the redeployment program; and
- All significant drug abuse events, as determined by the pertinent chain of command, will be reported to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics as soon as possible.

Provisions of this policy will be reviewed periodically or in response to significant deployment operations.

The point of contact for this action is Colonel Ronald Shippee, USA at telephone (703) 697-5607 (DSN 227-5607) or email ronald.shippee@osd.mil.

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