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MEMORANDUM FOR The Human Resource Officers of All States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Assignment of Military Training Duties to Title 32 National Guard Technicians (TN-12-08)

1. References:

a. Memorandum, NGB-J1-TN, 27 October 2011, subject: Guidance to Allow Dual-Status National Guard Technicians to Receive Influenza Vaccine While in Technician Status (TN-11-24).

b. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5210.56, Carrying of Firearms and The Use of Force by DoD Personnel Engaged In Security, Law and Order, or Counterintelligence Activities, 1 April 2011.

c. 5 United States Code section 7901, Health Service Programs, 7 January 2011.

d. U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, Immunizations of Federal Workers with 2009 H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccines, 30 September 2009.

e. Technician Personnel Regulation (TPR) 400, The Technician Human Resources Development Program, 14 September 2007.

f. Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), Statute 7106(a), Labor-Management Relations, Management Rights, 2 August 2002.

2. Purpose: To provide updated implementation guidance in accordance with the references above.

3. The Memorandum, NGB-J1-TN-L (TN-08-03), 2 February 2008, subject as above, is hereby rescinded.

4. National Guard Technicians may not attend military technical training schools in technician status. These schools are intended to train personnel in military occupational specialties and in some cases require mandatory physical training standards or other military training that is over and above the enhancement of technician job performance.

5. National Guard Technicians will not participate in medical mobility processing. Medical mobility processing or any other procedure requiring weigh-ins, urinalysis, or drug testing must be completed in an inactive duty or active duty military status. Drug testing connected to a ground or aircraft accident, or observation of erratic behavior, requires the technician be placed in a military status, either inactive duty or active duty.

6. National Guard Technicians may not be required to receive immunizations to maintain worldwide medical deployment requirements. Technicians may however, voluntarily receive influenza vaccine in accordance with OPM guidance referenced above and TN-11-24.

7. National Guard Technicians, Dual-Status and Non-Dual-Status, may be authorized excused absence of short duration to participate in voluntary Physical Fitness Programs (PFPs). Technicians cannot be required to undergo an annual military physical fitness test while in technician status, either voluntary or involuntary. Technicians are encouraged to participate in PFPs in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 7901.

8. National Guard Dual-Status Technicians may be assigned to train in the wear and use of chemical warfare equipment while in technician status in accordance with the Federal Labor Management Relations Statute, Section 7106(a).

9. National Guard Dual-Status Technicians may be required to fire, qualify, and carry a weapon while in technician status when the duties of their technician position require such in accordance with DoDD 5210.56.

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