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ENVIRONMENTAL WETLANDS PROTECTION

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This instruction implements AFI 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*. It establishes and implements effective protection of Jurisdictional Wetlands and isolated wetlands on the installation. This instruction applies to all Base personnel and tenants

1. Background. A wetland survey and delineation was conducted in September 2001 and in March and April 2002 to assess the extent of Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands present on the site. The results of the wetland survey and delineation are documented in the Wetland Identification and Delineation Report for Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio and are available in the 910 SPTG/CEV Files located in Building 510. There are approximately 12.46 acres of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) regulated Jurisdictional Wetlands and 0.89 acres of isolated wetlands regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The Jurisdictional Wetlands and isolated wetlands are located in the northeastern wooded and unimproved portions of the base property.

2. Wetlands Regulations. Wetlands will be protected and conserved through avoidance or minimization of impact. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) is authorized to issue permits that are required for the discharge of dredged or fill materials into wetlands. Even an inadvertent encroachment into wetlands resulting in displacement or movement of soil or fill materials has the potential to be viewed as a violation unless an appropriate permit is obtained from USACOE and/or OEPA. Such impacts include construction as well as the incidental fill and grading of wet depressions. For more information on the laws, regulations and guidelines affecting wetlands, contact 910 SPTG/CEV.

3. Wetlands Protection.

3.1. The perimeter of the area in which the wetlands exist will be posted with signs reading “Protected Wetlands – Do Not Disturb”. Exercise caution to avoid all ground disturbances in or near wetland areas.

3.2. Base personnel shall avoid all impacts to the Jurisdictional Wetlands and to the isolated wetlands identified on the installation. Training activities and development projects should be conducted or sited to avoid impacts to wetlands. If a project or activity requires encroachment into or disturbance of Jurisdictional Wetlands or isolated wetlands, contact 910 SPTG/CEV to initiate the required procedures for approval and permitting. Any proposed action that impacts wetlands requires a Finding of No Practical Alternative (FONPA) approved by SAF/MIQ in accordance with AFI 32-7064.

3.3. On-foot training activities within the wetland boundaries should be planned and conducted to avoid all ground disturbances in or near wetland areas, and should be scheduled to avoid seasonally wet conditions during the spring. Motorized vehicles other than All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted to be used in the area in which the wetlands exist. ATVs shall stay on the existing semi-improved trail system within the wooded area. The use of ATVs through wet areas and standing water off of the trails shall be avoided at all times unless necessary to respond to an emergency situation or security threat.

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Attachment 1

WETLAND AREA MAP – YOUNGSTOWN ARS

A1.1. Wetland Area Map.

