

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE RATIONAL USE OF MILITARY TRAINING AREAS**

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In order to integrate into the collective security system and acquire membership in NATO, which is stipulated in the principles of national security of Ukraine, the Armed Forces of Ukraine need to achieve a certain level of interoperability, gradually implementing NATO standards and procedures. To this end, it was decided to equate NATO standards with national military standards, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on Military Standards”, which is in force from 07/03/2019, and it is determined that “military standards also include NATO standards”.

The full-scale invasion in February 2022 makes it necessary to accelerate the integration of our country into international institutions for ensuring collective security, in particular the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The team of the Research Laboratory of the Department of CBRN Defense and Environmental Safety of the Military Institute of Armored Forces of National Technical University “Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute” is entrusted with the implementation of research work, the result of which should be a draft military standard for the best environmental protection practices for the rational use of military training areas (STANAG 2594, BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRACTIC FOR SUSTAINBILITY OF MILITARY TRAINING AREAS (AJEPP-7)). The basis for implementation is the Program of Work on Military Standardization for 2021-2023; order of the Minister of Defense of Ukraine dated August 10, 2015 No. 396. Among the main issues is the possibility of ensuring the appropriate training of personnel to perform their duties in accordance with international law. At the same time, cultural and ecological resources should not be harmed during training. Thus, during the requisition or use of historical buildings, maximum respect should be shown, and activities should be stopped if cultural values are threatened. All damages caused by accident or military necessity must be documented and reported.

Therefore, the launch of the national system of transition to NATO standards will allow Ukraine to accelerate its path to full membership in the Alliance. Effective implementation of NATO standards in order to increase the combat capacity of troops (forces) in terms of compatibility with the allied forces is impossible without a planned and purposeful retrofitting of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.