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**MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

**SUBJECT: Guidelines for Determination of Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
Requirements for the Destruction of Recovered Chemical Weapons**

Reference attached memorandum, dated May 20, 2004, Subject: Guidelines for Implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Provisions for Recovered Chemical Weapons.

The guidelines define the requirements for compliance with the CWC as related to the recovery of chemical weapons. The issue was raised to this office that Army Regulation (AR) 50-6, Chapter 12, does not address the CWC requirements for reporting, storage, and destruction of recovered chemical weapons material. In addition to the referenced guidelines the following will apply:

- Rounds that are identified as suspect Chemical Weapons (CW), or have been declared as CW, must be destroyed in accordance with the methods described in the referenced memorandum.
- Guidance will apply to all recovered rounds that contain or are suspected of containing a fill that is listed in the CWC as a Scheduled chemical. This may include some industrial chemicals.
- Open detonation as a means of destruction is acceptable only in cases where the item is determined to be unsafe for handling or movement.

Request the above guidance be disseminated to the Services and the Department of the Army issue a change to AR 50-6 to reflect relevant CWC treaty compliance guidelines.

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