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SUBJECT: Mandatory Password Protection for Two-Way Email Devices

1. References:

a. Department of the Army Memorandum, Password Protection for Two-way Wireless Email Devices, 8 Jul 04.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 25-2, Information Assurance, 14 Nov 03.

2. AR 25-2 requires all two-way email devices be password protected.

3. Blackberry Enterprise Servers (BES) administrators will enforce the criteria below on Blackberry users who are connected to a BES. Only Blackberry devices that implement the Secure Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (S/MIME) protocol are authorized for use.

a. Five character, user-generated, alphanumeric password with one alpha and one numeric.

b. 30-minute time-out period.

c. Five attempts before lockout.

d. Cannot reuse the last three passwords.

e. Change password every 150 days.

f. BES administrators running versions of BES software prior to 3.6 may not be capable of implementing all the above criteria, but shall strive to get as close as possible. Administrators are strongly encouraged to migrate to the latest versions of BES software.

4. Blackberry users not connected to a BES, and users of other two-way email devices shall implement the minimum password criteria in paragraph 3. as closely as possible within the constraints imposed by the particular device.

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