



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE 434TH AIR REFUELING WING

FROM: 434 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: 434th Air Refueling Wing Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The mission of the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing is “To Provide Air Refueling and Combat Ready Forces”. We are committed to conducting our mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment. In doing so, we will comply with all environmental laws and regulations, while striving for continual improvement in our environmental performance. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. We understand environmental impacts do not always stop at our fence; therefore, regional/local environmental concerns, such as water and air quality, are of utmost importance. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship. In support of our environmental statement, we will continue to:

- a. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families and the environment.
- b. Set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary and communicate results and other environmental information regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators and the public.
- c. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
- d. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.
- e. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments and develop plans to address actual or potential non-compliance situations.

2. Compliance with this Environmental Commitment Statement is the responsibility of every member of the 434th Air Refueling Wing in accordance with his or her roles and responsibilities in the various organizations.

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