MEMORANDUM FOR 144 FW PERSONNEL

FROM: 144 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System (EMS) Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The 144th Fighter Wing is committed to conducting its 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 applicable to the conduct of our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance. This commitment goes beyond legislative requirements and integrates sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship. In support of our environmental commitment, we will:

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 accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators, and the public.

c. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate to minimize the generation of waste, recycle materials when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

d. Establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program and promote conservation and sustainable use of natural and man-made materials.

e. 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.

f. Establish and maintain a proactive ESOH Council in accordance with AFPD 90-8, to monitor and provide the needed vision to meet all regulatory initiatives.

2. Compliance with this environmental commitment statement is the responsibility of every member of the 144th Fighter Wing community in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization.

3. The Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) is 144 FW/CC. All questions or changes should be addressed to the OPR.

4. This letter supersedes all previous letters on this subject, and is effective until superseded or rescinded.

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