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MEMORANDUM FOR 161 PERSONNEL

FROM: 161 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System (EMS) Base Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The 161st Air Refueling Wing, Phoenix Air National Guard Base is committed to continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment. The use of an EMS is one of our most effective and efficient tools in accomplishing this. While carrying out our primary objectives as an aerial refueling operation, our mission is to deliver FIRST class, mission-ready citizen Airmen and resources to meet the air refueling and support needs of our community, state, and nation. FIRST is part of our vision for Flexibility, Integrity, Readiness, Sustainability, and Teamwork. Environmental protection is a primary management responsibility as well as the responsibility of every worker and supplier. In keeping with this statement our EMS vision is to reduce waste through pollution prevention, continually improve our environmental performance by minimizing our impacts on the manmade and natural environment, and maintain compliance with all federal, state and local environmental regulations at all times. Over the years this EMS vision has led to major environmental improvements and will continue to improve and meet prioritized objectives and targets set by its cross function team and suggestions from base personnel. Our tenants include the following elements.

2. Environmental protection is a line responsibility and an important measure of worker performance. Every worker is responsible for environmental protection in the same manner as personnel and worker safety.

3. Compliance with all federal, state, and local environmental regulations is paramount in all we do, and continued emphasis will be placed on reducing our impact on clean air and water in the local area.

4. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, increase uses of renewable energy, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

5. 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.

6. This document can be found on the Wing's public site at: http://www.161arw.ang.af.mil/. For additional information please refer to 161 ARW EMS materials located on the 161 ARW VEMO Sharepoint at https://eis.ang.af.mil/func/VEMO/phoenix/ or contact the EMS Coordinator, Major Craig Alann at craig.alann@ang.af.mil or at (602)302-9254.

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