



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
161ST AIR REFUELING WING (ANG) (AMC)
GOLDWATER AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, ARIZONA

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MEMORANDUM FOR 161 ARW PERSONNEL

FROM: 161ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System (EMS) Commitment Statement

1. The 161st Air Refueling Wing, Goldwater Air National Guard Base, is committed to continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in environmental protection. The implementation of an EMS is one of our most effective and efficient tools for accomplishing this. While carrying out our primary objectives as an air refueling operation, our mission is to organize, train and equip units and individuals to meet worldwide requirements in support of the Air Force's Global Reach mission. In accomplishing this mission, our EMS vision is to reduce waste through pollution prevention while we continually improve our environmental performance by minimizing our impacts on the environment and by maintaining compliance with all federal, state and local environmental regulations. This vision has led to major environmental improvements and will continue to improve and meet prioritized objectives and targets set by its cross functional team and suggestions from base personnel. Our tenants include the following elements:

- a. Environmental protection is a line responsibility and an important measure of individual performance. Every Airman is responsible for environmental protection in the same manner as personnel safety.
- b. 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.
- 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, 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.
- d. 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.

2. The installation EMS Commitment Statement supports Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 90-8, *Environmental, Safety, & Occupational Health Management and Risk Management*, which serves as the AF and ANG Environmental Policy. This document is to be posted on the Wing's public site at <https://www.161arw.ang.af.mil/>. Questions should be directed to the EMS Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Henion, at elizabeth.henion.1@us.af.mil or at (602) 302-9317.

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