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MEMORANDUM FOR 179AW

FROM: 179 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The 179Airlift Wing (179AW) is committed to continued excellence and leadership in environmental stewardship. We will perform our duties in a safe and environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health and the environment as we achieve our Vision and accomplish our Mission:

a. Vision: To be recognized as the Most Innovative and Diverse Team of Dedicated Airmen Defending the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio.

b. Mission: Respond with Highly Qualified Citizen-Airmen to Execute Federal, State and Community Missions.

2. The 179AW will clearly adhere to the Air Force (AF) and Air National Guard (ANG) Policy Directive AFPD 90-8, Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health and Risk Management. We will incorporate the AF's vision and priorities of Compliance, Reducing Risk, and Continuous Improvement into our mission and daily activities:

a. Compliance: We will strive to comply with all Federal, State, Local laws and regulations as well as all Executive Orders, Department of Defense Directives, Air Force Instructions, and Air National Guard Guidance applicable to the conduct of our mission:

(1) In order to maintain compliance with all environmental requirements, the 179AW will utilize the philosophy of self-inspection to identify discrepancies in our day-to-day operations.

(2) We will also provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments; develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations; and build environmental concerns into all policies, programs, and missions.

b. Reducing Risk: The 179AW will strive to reduce risks to human health and the environment through the following practices:

(1) We will 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 personnel, their families, and the environment.

(2) We will use the cooperative efforts of the Wing's environmental professionals and multi-discipline environmental working groups and committees to set and review environmental goals, objectives and targets. We will measure progress, take corrective action when necessary, and communicate results and other environmental information regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to Unit members, suppliers, regulators and the public.

(3) We will promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural and manmade resources.

c. Continuous Improvement: This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. In support of our environmental commitment:

(1) We will 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.

(2) Working in partnership with all stakeholders, we will investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, when possible recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

3. Compliance with this Environmental Commitment Statement is the responsibility of everyone supporting the 179AW including military, state, and civilian employees; contractors; and vendors in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization. This statement will be communicated to the public through posting on the Wing's public website.

4. The 179AW point of contact is the 179AW Environmental Management Office (EMO).


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