



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 186TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
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MEMORANDUM FOR KEY FIELD ANGB PERSONNEL

FROM: 186 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The primary mission of the 186th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) is to support the United States Air Force and the State of Mississippi by providing air refueling, air support operations and expeditionary combat support during national and state emergencies. It is imperative that we continue to conduct our mission with minimal negative impact to human health and the environment. We have an exemplary record of environmental stewardship which will continue under this command.
2. Key Field ANGB members are reminded of their responsibility in practicing appropriate environmental management techniques in the performance of their daily activities. The 186 ARW embraces Air Force Policy Directive 90-8 which is the Air Force and Air National Guard's overarching Environmental Policy. Our priorities are (1) compliance, (2) risk management and (3) continuous improvement. To this end, it is necessary to support all ongoing plans and programs including, but not limited to: hazardous waste management, spill prevention and response, storm water pollution prevention and solid waste management including recycling.
3. Key Field ANGB is committed to full compliance with all applicable environmental requirements including federal, state, local, Department of Defense, Air Force and Air National Guard environmental directives and instructions. Commanders shall provide safe and healthy workplaces and conduct operations in a manner that enhance mission effectiveness, preserve resources, prevent pollution and minimize risks to our personnel and the public both on and off the installation. Our efforts shall focus on mission accomplishment, enabling employee involvement and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Every Airman must constantly seek to minimize Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health risks and to improve mission execution.
4. The 186 ARW has developed a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) of which this memorandum is one component. We are committed to using the tenets of pollution prevention to reduce our impacts to the environment. Through the use of our EMS we will continually improve our environmental stewardship and set measurable objectives that will ensure compliance and mitigate environmental impacts.
5. Compliance with this Environmental Commitment Statement is the responsibility of every member of Key Field ANGB in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization. Questions concerning environmental regulations or recommendations to improve the current environmental programs are welcomed and should be made to Eric L. Bratu, Environmental Manager, at 601-484-9482 or Kenneth C. Keith, State Environmental Officer, at 601-484-9313.
6. This document will be distributed to all base personnel and included in the Newcomers Orientation Brief for any new personnel. It was also be available to contractors via the Contractor Handout. All employees and the public have access to this document through the base internet at <http://www.186arw.ang.af.mil>.

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