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174TH ATTACK WING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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1. The mission of the 174th Attack Wing is to provide qualified Airmen and weapons systems engaging in joint global air, space and cyberspace operations, while supporting homeland defense and aiding civil authorities at the direction of the Governor. Activities at the 174 ATKW include operating and maintaining MQ-9 remote piloted aircraft, corrosion control, aerospace ground equipment, vehicle maintenance, and administrative support.

2. The 174 ATKW 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 strive for compliance with all Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as Executive Orders. Air Force Instructions and other guidance applicable to the conduct of our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental information and practices into our daily decisions and activities at all levels.

3. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship. In support of our environmental policy, we will:

a. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.

b. 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, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary, and communicate results and other environmental information regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators and the public.

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

d. Ensure the responsible use if energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.

e. Promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural and manmade materials.

f. 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.

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

The Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this policy is the 174th Environmental Management Office (EMO).

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