

## MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS COMMAND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Marine Corps installations are key national defense assets where Marines, Sailors, Civilians and their families live, work and train. Our installations offer over 2.5 million acres of air, land, and sea resources in which Marines can train and hone their skills. We must protect these critical assets through sound environmental management to maintain long-term access to these training areas and ensure the combat readiness needed to win our nation's battles. Our environmental programs also help us keep our solemn commitment to the health of our service members, their families and surrounding communities by protecting water and air quality.

In order to meet these objectives, MCICOM Regions and Installations will protect human health and the environment and thereby minimize risks to our defense mission by upholding the following Environmental Principles:

- Complying with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies;
- Providing personnel awareness of their environmental responsibilities;
- Cleaning up areas of contamination from past disposal practices;
- Protecting and conserving the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us by the American people;
- Promoting installation sustainability through pollution prevention, recycling, sustainable procurement, and water and energy efficiency;
- Involving appropriate internal and external stakeholders upfront in environmental planning, acquisition, and management actions;
- Collaborating with regulatory agencies and the public to openly address environmental issues and build trust; and
- Finding innovative nature based solutions to build climate resilience and reduce climate threats.

Marine Corps operational readiness depends on being responsible stewards of the environment. I expect all personnel aboard our installations to ensure that these environmental practices are incorporated into their professional duties.

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