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MEMORANDUM FOR ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake

Subj: NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Ref: (a) NAWSCINST 5090.2A, Environmental Management System

1. Per reference (a), we are dedicated to providing the highest level of mission support and quality of life services for all operating forces and ashore support activities. Our top priority is to actively promote mission readiness. In essence, we will support the mission by consuming what is environmentally necessary, preserve what is protected, and conserve the rest.

2. Throughout the span of our activities, we consider environmental stewardship an integral part of productivity and providing quality services. Currently, my top three focus areas that all personnel need to be aware of include: informed, responsible, and compliant land use; full compliance at hazardous waste accumulation areas; and efficient management of aboveground and underground storage tanks. Bearing ultimate responsibility for the management of the land and resources that make up the Installation, we will take the following environmentally focused actions:

a. Comply with Environmental Requirements

(1) Be environmentally responsible neighbor by ensuring public health, safety, and protection of the environment.

(2) Comply with and adhere to applicable environmental federal, state and local regulations, and Department of Defense and Navy policies, regulations and directives.

(3) Proactively educate, plan, implement, and oversee activities that have the potential to affect our environment.

(4) Investigate, document, and respond accordingly to substantiate incidents of non-compliance with this policy and the provisions contained within.

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b. Reduce Environmental Impacts

(1) Develop and improve operations and technologies that minimize waste; reduce air and water pollution; minimize health and safety risks; and dispose of waste safely and responsibly.

(2) Manage, protect and conserve natural and cultural resources throughout Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake.

(3) Proactively reduce, reuse, and recycle materials; and emphasize purchasing products made from recycled materials.

(4) Ensure the responsible use of energy and water, including conservation and improved efficiency.

c. Continually Improve Our Environmental Programs

(1) Work diligently to design and improve procedures for environmental protection while supporting mission requirements.

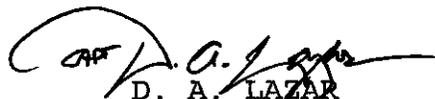
(2) Establish, monitor and revise objectives and targets to measure environmental protection metrics.

(3) Develop and implement pollution prevention technologies, knowledge, and methods.

(4) Reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by increasing the use of renewable energy sources.

(5) Increase the use of sustainable resources to modernize facilities and infrastructure.

(6) Ensure this policy is communicated to and understood by all military, civilian, and contractor personnel working at NAWS China Lake.

  
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