



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR BASE-WIDE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: 18 WG/CC

SUBJECT: 18th Wing Environmental Commitment Statement

1. Kadena Air Base is committed in its ability to project airpower, to provide for the common defense of Japan, and to pursue our National interests in the Pacific region. This requires the protection of our host-nation environment, the safeguarding of natural and cultural resources, and the preservation of human health. In support of environmental stewardship, members of the 18th Wing are responsible for adhering to the following:

- a. Maintain oversight of the Environmental Management System (EMS) and continuously improve business practices through effective planning, monitoring, review and the Japan Environmental Governing Standards.
- b. Comply with relevant environmental law and regulations to include host-nation agreements and the Japan Environmental Governing Standards.
- c. Integrate environmental aspects into daily decision making to mitigate and manage risks.
- d. Implement pollution prevention measures to minimize hazardous material use and waste generation.
- e. Educate our workforce in the use of environmentally-conscious practices, recognizing that all employees are responsible for protection of the environment.
- f. Continually improve our environmental programs through innovative solutions and consider environmental impacts during mission planning, execution and sustainment.

2. This statement integrates elements of EMS into our existing management structure to establish sound environmental programs. Additionally, all organizational directors and squadron/battalion commanders, whose units are located on Kadena AB or its geographically separated units, will appoint Unit Environmental Coordinators (UEC) in writing IAW AFI 32-7001, *Environmental Management*.

3. This guidance will be given the widest dissemination, applies to the military and civilian workforce as well as contractors, and will be reviewed annually to ensure that these commitments remain consistent with the 18th Wing mission and operational resources. If there are questions or if you require additional information, please contact your UEC or the 718 CES Environmental Flight at DSN 315-634-2600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Eaglin", is positioned above the typed name and title.

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