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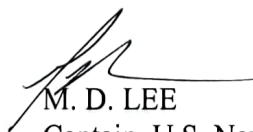
**COMMAND ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY STATEMENT**

Naval Air Facility El Centro (NAFEC) has an illustrious history of hosting aviation assets from around the world. As the Commanding Officer of the installation, it is my responsibility to protect natural and cultural resources, promote new sustainment initiatives and ensure the responsible use and conservation of energy and water at the forefront of our mission. I will discharge these duties by employing the Environmental Management System (EMS) to the fullest extent possible to minimize the impact to our mission.

I charge all military, civilian, and contractor personnel aboard the installation to use EMS to positively affect environmental stewardship. This will be accomplished by:

- Being an environmentally responsible neighbor to our surrounding community ensuring public health and safety and protection of the environment saturate every level of our planning.
- Maintaining vigilance regarding the effects our operations have on the natural and cultural resources in our area of operation.
- Continually educating and training personnel on environmental requirements and best practices to reduce solid and hazardous wastes and pollution.
- Providing outreach to and partnering with federal, state and local governmental bodies educating them, as appropriate, as to our environmental practices, policies and especially our many successes.
- Pursuing continual improvement in environmental performance measures and metrics through NAFEC's EMS.
- Encouraging the responsible use of water and energy by applying conservation techniques and procuring environmentally friendly products.

I will ensure that personnel aboard our installation have the resources and support required to execute our shared mission of environmental stewardship, which must saturate our day-to-day operations and become the normality of how we, aboard NAFEC, conduct business. We will meet mission and compliance requirements, which are not mutually exclusive, and every effort will be made to effectively and efficiently do both. Lastly, through the use of the EMS, we will ensure that environmental compliance and awareness is integrated into NAFEC planning, management and operations by reviewing proposed actions, implementing policy, establishing guidance and structuring resources.

  
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Commanding Officer