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

Subj: NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Ref: (a) NAWSCINST 5090.3A, Environmental Management System

Encl: (1) Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake Environmental Policy

1. Per reference (a), I have endorsed an Environmental Policy for the Naval Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake (enclosure (1)). This policy should be posted in all work areas.

2. It is vital that all personnel are aware of the policy, the three main areas of environmental protection (compliance, reduction of impacts and continual improvement) and my top four environmental focus areas.

- a. Informed, responsible, and compliant land use.
- b. Full compliance at hazardous waste accumulation areas.
- c. Protection of historic properties (structures and archaeology).
- d. Protection of groundwater resources.



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## NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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 facilitate mission readiness and execution. We will continue to support mission readiness by responsibly using those land resources necessary to support our operations, protect resources as requires, and conserve the remaining landscape to meet future mission and stewardship requirements. Throughout the span of our activities, we consider environmental stewardship an integral and mission compatible part of productivity and providing quality services.

### **My top four focus areas that all personnel need to be aware of are:**

- Protection of groundwater resources.
- Informed, responsible, and compliant land use.
- Protection of historic properties (structures and archaeology).
- Full compliance at hazardous waste accumulation areas.

### **Comply with Environmental Requirements**

- Be environmentally responsible to ensure public health and safety and protection of environment.
- Comply with environmental federal, state and local regulations, and Department of Defense and Navy policies.
- Proactively educate, plan, implement, and oversee activities that have the potential to affect our environment.
- Investigate, document, and respond to incidents of non-compliance with this policy.

### **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

- Prevent air and water pollution; minimize health and safety risks; and manage of waste safely and responsible.
- Protect and preserve natural and cultural resources throughout NAWS China Lake.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle materials and purchase products made from recycled materials.
- Ensure the responsible use of energy and water, including conservation and improved efficiency.

### **Continually Improve Our Environmental Programs**

- Improve procedures for environmental protection while supporting mission requirements.
- Establish, monitor and revise objectives and targets to measure environmental protection metrics.
- Develop and implement pollution prevention technologies, knowledge, and methods.
- Reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by increasing the use of renewable energy sources.
- Increase the use of sustainable resources to modernize facilities and infrastructure.
- Ensure this policy is communicated to and understood by all military, civilian, and contractor personnel working at NAWS China Lake.