

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 354<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING (PACAF) EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, AK

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 354 FW AND TENANT UNITS

FROM: 354 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Eielson Air Force Base Environmental Policy Statement

- 1. As the Air Force's northern most Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska prepares U.S. and allied aviation forces for combat, to deploy Airmen in support of global operations, and to enable the staging of forces to promote US interests in the Asia-Pacific region. With the addition of two F-35 combat squadrons, our commitment to environmental stewardship must be linked to our pioneering spirit. This allows us to contribute the full effect of our assets to national security in a manner that conveys a positive image of the Air Force to the public at large.
- 2. While Eielson AFB, Alaska complies with all federal, state, and local environmental regulations, my vision is that all personnel on this installation will adopt an environmentally conscious perspective and look to find ways to improve the way our operations interact with our environment. Many activities routinely performed across Eielson AFB, Alaska have the potential for detrimental environmental impacts. It is the duty of all commanders, via unit Environmental Coordinators and the Environmental Management System (EMS), to monitor and track their unit impacts and establish threshold objectives in order to drive negative impacts toward zero.
- 3. To this end, Eielson AFB, Alaska commits to superior environmental stewardship and to:
  - a. Integrating environmental information and training to all organization levels.
  - b. Evaluating and mitigating environmental impacts in all plans, programs, and strategies.
  - c. Incorporating technological processes to improve mission capability and the environment.
  - d. Developing goals and targets to achieve compliance and meet objectives of the EMS.
  - e. Committing to continual improvement and Pollution Prevention.
- 4. I am committed to supporting and improving Eielson AFB, Alaska's environmental policy and posture and request that all of you lean forward with me in that commitment.

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