

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
Commanding Officer's
Environmental Policy Statement

As the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, I want to impress upon you the importance of preserving, protecting and enhancing the quality of our training land, air, and water resources in order to accomplish our critical military mission.

MCAS Miramar's mission is to maintain and operate facilities and to provide service and material to support the operations of 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and the other tenant organizations aboard this installation.

The two most important national functions of the Marine Corps are to make Marines and to win battles. Training is integral to the performance of these functions. By respecting and maintaining the natural resources entrusted to the Marine Corps, the training opportunities enjoyed by today's Marine will be available to future generations of Marines. Keeping this in mind will help all Marines understand the importance of preserving and protecting our natural training environment.

This Air Station is focused on minimizing risks to mission and achieving compliance with all applicable environmental legislation along with all Federal, State and local regulations and policy. I want to promote environmental training and education to enhance the development of our environmental compliance and protection responsibilities.

Pollution prevention is another tenet of our environmental stewardship and will continue to be a priority. Pollution will be prevented or reduced at the sources whenever feasible. Pollution that can not be prevented will be recycled as practical. All Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines should participate in our Air Station recycling program. For more information and drop off locations you may contact Environmental Management at 858-577-1108.

One of this Air Station's goals is to clean up or control areas of past releases from disposal operations and spills. Installation restoration or land recycling will allow the use of areas that were unusable before the restoration clean up process. This program will further beautify unusable areas and dispose of potential human health hazards.

We are committed to the conservation of natural and cultural resources as the long-term strategy for achieving and maintaining environmental compliance and protecting access to our training areas. This management program will ensure preservation of resources over the entire air station and promote more ground training opportunities in East Miramar.

MCAS Miramar is committed to continuous improvement of our environmental programs. This continuous improvement will be pursued and documented within the MCAS Miramar Environmental Management System (EMS). The EMS will communicate our environmental commitments, including this policy, to all Air Station personnel, tenants, on-site contractors and make them available to the public. The EMS is available at www.miramarems.com.



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