



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

20th FIGHTER WING (ACC)
SHAW AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH CAROLINA

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SHAW AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 20 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Shaw AFB Commitment to Environmental Protection

1. The 20th Fighter Wing embraces the goal of executing our mission while at the same time protecting the environment and our natural resources within our areas of responsibility including Shaw AFB, Poinsett Electronic Combat Range and Wateree Recreation Area.
2. Shaw AFB is committed to accomplishing its mission to provide combat ready airpower and Airmen to meet any challenge, anytime, anywhere in an environmentally responsible manner. Through the framework of our Environmental Management System (EMS) process as directed by Air Force Instruction 32-7001, Environmental Management, it is our objective to protect human health and the environment, ensure continual improvement of our environmental performance and reduce the environmental risks associated with our daily activities. Our goals are to promote and sustain effective environmental compliance, to continue to address off-base drinking water concerns by using a proactive remediation program and to promote thriving communities on Shaw AFB as well as in the surrounding areas. Shaw AFB is committed to the following:
 - a. Complying with all environmental legal obligations and regulations at the federal, state, and local levels.
 - b. Instilling a culture that encourages and supports continual improvement and pollution prevention that enhances mission effectiveness, minimizes risk and preserves our resources through effective planning and resource allocation.
 - c. Identifying and reducing environmental risks, establishing objectives and targets to preserve our natural and cultural assets and monitoring the installation's environmental health.
 - d. Educating and training base personnel with an emphasis on environmentally responsible practices and an understanding of shared obligations to protect and enhance our environment.
3. Our EMS Cross-Functional Team (CFT), chaired by the 20 MSG/DD, and guided by the Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Council, provides the essential structure needed to lead our installation EMS. The CFT represents organizations of the 20th Fighter Wing and Shaw tenants through Unit Environmental Coordinators (UECs) who are appointed by their commanders. UECs are a vital conduit through which the CFT carries out its responsibilities.
4. Successful implementation of our environmental program is a shared obligation at every level and for every activity across Shaw AFB. I ask everyone to continue to stand with me and commit to protecting the environment entrusted to us by the American people.

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