

## Offutt Air Force Base Environmental Management System (EMS)

### Policy Statement

1. The Offutt AFB EMS policy statement is issued by the Commander in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14001:2004, *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*.
2. The environmental policy is a declaration of Offutt senior leadership's commitment to the environment, serves as the foundation for the EMS, and is formalized through the signature of senior leadership. All personnel are expected to be familiar with and understand the policy. This policy is considered when setting Offutt's environmental objectives and targets, and it is understood that the implementation of the EMS serves to make the commitments in this policy operational. The environmental policy is a vehicle for communicating Offutt AFB's aspirations for environmental protection. The environmental policy aligns with Offutt's core mission and is appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of its activities, products and services.
3. The Environmental Policy Statement contains overarching commitments made by the senior leadership that include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - O** – Offutt AFB *shall comply* with relevant environmental legislation, regulations and policies, and commit to *preventing pollution*, minimizing waste, managing natural and cultural resources, and conserving energy.
  - A** – Always strive for *continual improvement*.
  - F** – *Foster, promote, and sustain positive relationships* with the local community, regulators and other interested parties.
  - B** – Base personnel *shall be aware of how their job impacts the environment*.
4. The environmental policy is communicated to all persons working for or on behalf of Offutt AFB, and is made available to the public upon request in accordance with *EMS Procedure 8, Communication*. The Environmental Policy is reviewed on an annual basis to assure it continues to be appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of Offutt AFB's activities, products and services, and revised as necessary. This Environmental Policy Statement is available on eDash, Offutt AFB's EMS sharepoint system.

# OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE



## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS)

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## What is an EMS?

### ENVIRONMENTAL

- Ensures sustainability while addressing impacts.
- Broadens responsibility of all whose work may significantly impact the environment.

### MANAGEMENT

- Mandated and supported by top leadership.
- Improves overall mission performance.
- Ensures that all of the requirements of the mission and all of the requirements of regulation are met.

### SYSTEM

- Establishes formal, consistent structure.
- Uses skills of many to ensure effectiveness.
- Dynamic - adapts and grows in response to an ever changing set of circumstances.

### What an EMS gives us:

- Reduced operational impact, better environmental quality, and development of sustainable organizational performance
- An EMS provides an opportunity to assess how environmental risks are managed, how to improve our processes, and how to find more cost effective methods and solutions.
- It unites existing environmental programs under a single umbrella for greater consistency, efficiency, and effectiveness.

## Why have an EMS?

*Environmental Management Systems (EMS) are mandated at the Executive, DoD and Air Force levels.*

**-2010, AFI 32-7001 (DRAFT):** *Environmental Management*; establishes the guidelines and requirements for creating and managing an EMS.

**-2007, EO 13423: *Strengthening Federal Environment, Energy, and Transportation Management***; directs federal agencies to implement a broad & effective EMS.

**-2009, EO 13514: *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance***; establishes goals, targets, & requirements for Federal agencies regarding implementation of a formal EMS.

**-DoDI 4715.17: *Environmental Management System***; establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, & prescribes procedures for achieving conformance with EMS policy pursuant to EO 13423, Council on Environmental Quality Instructions and page 33504 of Volume 72, #116, Federal Register.

**-2004, ISO 14001: *Environmental Management Systems***; The International Standard sets requirements for an EMS which can be employed by an organization to measure and document their environmental impact. The approach requires an organization to take a hard look at all areas where its activities have an environmental impact.

## Offutt's Significant Aspects - 2010

Aspect	Potential Impact
<i>Energy Use</i>	Air Quality, Human Health, Mission Limitation, increased CO2 emissions (from energy production), & Cost.
<i>Use of Petroleum, Oils, &amp; Lubricants (POL)</i>	Water & Soil Quality, Human Health, & Clean-up Cost.
<i>Regulated Waste Management</i>	Water & Soil Quality, Human Health, Air Quality, Land Use Restriction.
<i>Solid Waste Management</i>	Water & Soil Quality, Material Waste, & Cost.
<i>Environmental Restoration</i>	Human Health, Water & Soil Quality, & Cost