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Subj: NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) Executive Order 13423 *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, 24 January 2007*
(b) Executive Order 13514 *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance, 5 October 2009*
(c) CNO ltr 5090 Ser N451G/1U595831 of 6 Dec 01, Navy Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Policy

1. The mission of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is to operate as the Department of the Navy's (DON's) full-spectrum corporate laboratory, conducting a broadly based multidisciplinary program of scientific research and advanced technological development directed toward maritime applications of new and improved materials, techniques, equipment, systems and ocean, atmospheric, and space sciences and related technologies.
2. References (a) through (c) require that NRL establish and maintain a proactive Environmental Management System (EMS). As the Commanding Officer at NRL, I am committed to an aggressive and comprehensive environmental management program. I am committed to continual improvement of our environmental performance; prevention of pollution through implementation of sound pollution prevention practices; and compliance with applicable environmental legislation, regulations, and policies, as well as other requirements to which NRL subscribes which relate to its environmental aspects.
3. In keeping with reference (b), NRL will continually strive to increase its energy efficiency to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; identify opportunities for improved stormwater management to improve ecosystem health in nearby wetlands and navigable waterways; and design, construct, maintain, and operate high performance environmentally sustainable buildings. NRL will use low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles including alternative fuel vehicles where feasible. Natural resources will be conserved by NRL through increased acquisition of uncoated printing and writing paper containing at least 30 percent postconsumer recycled fiber in place of virgin paper.
4. We shall periodically reassess significant elements of our activities, products, and services that interact with the environment. From these elements, we will develop objectives and targets for reducing environmental impacts. We will improve our green procurement policies to reduce waste. We are committed to a cost-effective approach that supports mission and operational requirements.

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5. We are committed to developing strategies for reaching our objectives and targets and providing each member of the NRL community training regarding their specific responsibilities in implementing those objectives and targets. We will periodically evaluate our EMS and measure progress toward meeting the objectives and targets.

6. I, along with other senior NRL managers, will periodically review our EMS to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness. We have made it our priority to budget for identified needs and track corrective actions to completion. Corrective action includes our firm commitment to preventing the recurrence of identified needs and tracking corrective actions to completion.

7. Each of us in the NRL community is important in implementing good environmental practices. I would like to thank each of you for your environmentally responsible efforts.



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