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Minimizing Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Risks

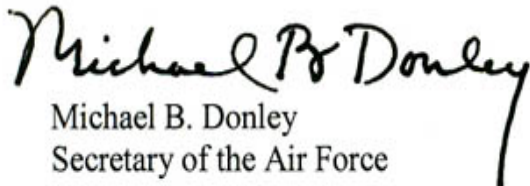
For All Airmen:


The mission of the U.S Air Force is to *fly, fight, and win...in air, space, and cyberspace*. To continue the successful execution of our mission, we need each of you to understand the environment, safety and occupational health (ESOH) aspects of your jobs, and take action to minimize ESOH risks.

The Air Force ESOH vision is to be a world leader in ESOH management -- to provide better care for our Airmen and our environment -- *to meet our mission in air, space, and cyberspace*. In pursuit of this vision, it is important for you to understand our three ESOH priorities:

- **Comply:** First and foremost, we must comply with all ESOH legal obligations. Every Airman must know and comply with the laws, instructions, and policies that apply to their work, Commanders will fund all ESOH legal obligations and requirements necessary for compliance or request assistance from higher headquarters.
- **Reduce risk:** Effective ESOH risk management will ensure each of us remain a contributor to our mission as well as safeguard our natural and manmade resources. Every Airman must understand the hazards associated with their work and take action to protect themselves, their fellow Airmen, and the environment.
- **Continuously improve:** We seek a culture of continuous ESOH improvement. Every Airman must constantly seek to minimize ESOH risks and to improve the way we all contribute to the mission.

Through these priorities we remain dedicated to the Commander-in-Chief's objectives for sustainability and mission accomplishment. Your participation will be essential as we realize the President's vision and accomplish our Air Force mission.


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