



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 186TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
MERIDIAN MISSISSIPPI

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEY FIELD ANGB PERSONNEL

FROM: 186ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The intent of this memorandum is to ensure that all Key Field ANGB personnel, to include all members of the 186th Air Refueling Wing (186 ARW), tenant units, civilian, military, and contractor employees working at Key Field ANGB are reminded of their responsibility in practicing appropriate environmental management techniques in the performance of their daily activities. The primary mission of the 186 ARW is to support the United States Air Force and the State of Mississippi by providing air refueling, air support operations and expeditionary combat support during national and state emergencies, global contingency operations, peacekeeping initiatives, and training missions. It is imperative that we continue to conduct our mission with minimal negative impact to human health and the environment.

2. Key Field ANGB has an exemplary record of environmental stewardship which we will continue under my command. I need each of you to support our ongoing plans and programs including: spill prevention and response, storm water pollution prevention, hazardous waste management, and many other environmental programs.

3. Key Field ANGB has developed an Environmental Management System (EMS) of which this memorandum is one component. We are committed to using the tenets of pollution prevention (P2) to reduce our impacts to the environment. Through the use of our EMS, we will continually improve our environmental stewardship, and set measurable objectives that will ensure compliance and mitigate environmental impacts. All employees and the public have access to this document through the base internet (www.186ARW.ang.af.mil). We have provided this document and other pertinent environmental information concerning the 186 ARW through the Meridian Public Library and the Community Involvement Plan.

4. Compliance with this Environmental Commitment Statement is the responsibility of every member of Key Field ANGB in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization. The 186 ARW is committed to full compliance with all applicable legal environmental requirements including federal, state, local, Department of Defense, Air Force, and Air National Guard directives and instructions. Questions concerning environmental regulations or recommendations to improve the current environmental programs are welcomed and should be made to 1st Lt Ronnie Thrash, 186 ARW / Environmental Manager, at 601-484-9809.


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