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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) Executive Order 13508 *Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration*
(d) OPNAV M-5090.1 *Environmental Readiness Program Manual*
(e) NRLINST 5090.2 *Environmental Management System*


1. As the Commanding Officer, I am committed to incorporating environmental management as an integral part of day-to-day decision-making and long-term planning processes at NRL. The management of our environmental aspects and actions must be an integral part of our decision-making process in order to ensure mission readiness and effective use of NRL's resources. A robust environmental management system (EMS) in conformance with references (a) through (e) is essential to sustaining compliance with environmental laws and regulations, as well as other requirements to which NRL subscribes; reducing pollution; and minimizing risk to NRL's mission.

2. In keeping with references (a) and (b), NRL will continually strive to increase its energy efficiency to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; identify opportunities to improve stormwater management and improve the health of local waterways; and continue to act as a leader in pollution prevention by having a strong green procurement program, always considering recycled content and Energy Star products first, and asking our vendors and contractors to do the same.

3. We will periodically reassess significant aspects of our NRL activities, products, and services that interact with the environment. From these aspects, we will develop objectives and targets for reducing environmental impacts. We will ensure each member of the NRL community has the training and tools necessary to fulfill their responsibility towards helping NRL meet the objectives and targets and we will measure and track our progress towards meeting them.

4. I, along with Dr. Montgomery, will periodically review our EMS to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness. We will strive for continual improvement of all our environmental efforts. We will make it a priority to budget for identified needs and ensure corrective actions are tracked to completion and studied to prevent recurrence.

5. Everyone at NRL has a role in implementing good environmental practices and I would like to thank each of you for your environmentally responsible efforts.


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