

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS, 55TH WING (ACC) OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE COMMUNITY

FROM: 55 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Offutt AFB Environmental Management System (EMS) Environmental Policy/Commitment Statement

- 1. The Offutt AFB EMS Environmental Policy/Commitment Statement is reviewed and approved by the installation Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC) Chair in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14001:2015, *Environmental Management Systems* and AFI 32-7001, *Environmental Management*, paragraph 2.24.3.1. The Installation Commander serves as the ESOHC chairperson in accordance with AFI 90-801, *Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Councils*, paragraph 3.4.1.
- 2. The Environmental Policy/Commitment Statement is a declaration of Offutt AFB'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 consulted when setting Offutt's environmental objectives and targets, and the implementation of the EMS serves to make the commitments in this policy operational. The policy is a vehicle for communicating Offutt AFB's aspirations for environmental protection, aligns with Offutt's core mission to provide dominant intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic attack, and nuclear command and control to national leadership and warfighters. The primary installation environmental focus is environmental sustainability as the base moves forward to rebuild from the 2019 flood. The installation is committed to working with local community leaders to improve environmental conditions including the Papillion Creek Watershed partnership that addresses both water quality and quantity issues.
- 3. The Environmental Policy/Commitment Statement contains overarching commitments made by Offutt AFB senior leadership that include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - P Prevent. All personnel must be committed to pollution prevention.
 - I Improve. Continuous improvement is the cornerstone of the EMS.
 - C Comply. Full compliance with all national, state, and local laws as well as DoD and Air Force directives is mandatory.
 - K Know. Base personnel shall know how their job impacts the environment.
- 4. The Environmental Policy/Commitment Statement is communicated to all persons working for, or on behalf of, Offutt AFB, and is made available to the public in accordance with the requirements of AFI 32-7001. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it remains appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of Offutt AFB's activities, products, and services, and is revised as necessary.
- 5. This supersedes all previous letters, same subject. Please direct any questions to the Environmental Compliance Element, 55 CES/CEIE, available at 55ces.ceie.environmental@us.af.mil or (402) 294-4087.

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