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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 117ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Management Systems Commitment Statement

1. The 117th Air Refueling Wing in Birmingham, Alabama is committed to provide quality worldwide air refueling, airlift, support, logistics, intelligence, and medical services in support of our community, state, and nation. We are committed to conducting our mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment. In doing so, we will comply with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations as well as Executive Orders and United States Air Force Instructions and guidance. We commit to continually improve our environmental performance through setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities.

2. 117th Air Refueling Wing activities include operating and maintaining KC-135R aircraft with support of corrosion control, phase maintenance, fuel cell maintenance, nondestructive inspection, engine maintenance. Support also includes, but is not limited to aerospace ground equipment maintenance, vehicle maintenance, fueling operations, facilities maintenance, passenger terminal, firefighting, and administrative functions. In support of our environmental policy, we will seek to:

- a. Maintain an effective environmental management system while promoting the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and respond to emergencies in order to minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.
- b. Investigate and evaluate new technologies, continue to improve our pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, continue to improve our recycling program, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
- c. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.
- d. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments that involve the base as a whole, and develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations.

3. Compliance with the Environmental Management System Commitment Statement is the responsibility of every member of the 117th Air Refueling Wing community, including outside contractors, and state employees in accordance with his or her roles and responsibilities. This Environmental Management Systems Commitment Statement is made available to the public via the 117th Air Refueling Wing's public website.

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