



U.S. AIR FORCE

Sheppard AFB Environmental Policy and Commitment Statement



"Committed to Continual Improvements"

Initiate programs dedicated to continual improvement. We will continue to respect health and the environment, as well as our community partners. We will continue to foster a spirit of cooperation by building relationships with regulatory agencies, interest groups, stakeholders, and our community to engender collaboration, cooperation, and mutual understanding. We will continue to provide a cleaner and safer environment through the education, support and involvement of all personnel through environmental compliance, prevention of pollution, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. Sheppard AFB will continue to implement this policy in its respective organizations, down to the lowest level. We will continue our policies of improvement, measurement, and evaluation through our Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC) organizational structure.

Maintain an effective Environmental Management System and promote healthy and mutually beneficial communication with partnering communities to avoid compromising our mission to "Train, Develop, and Inspire a Ready, Lethal Force". Remain an active partner in addressing regional and local environmental concerns including wind farm encroachment on pilot training flight patterns in the area.

Prevent Pollution. Sheppard AFB will continue its effective "Compliance Through Pollution Prevention" initiatives by (a) eliminating compliance sites through process elimination or reduction, to the maximum extent possible, (b) reduce hazardous material purchases and use through process changes or reduction, product substitution, and proper material management procedures, (c) reduce solid waste disposal through aggressive recycling efforts, and (d) maximize purchase of supplies and materials containing recycled content products. Recycling efforts seek to improve the local concern of land fill disposal costs for waste generated by students in dorms and classrooms. Currently, low rates of waste diversion for this group contribute to environmental pollution and loss of qualified recycling funds.

Reduce the use of non-renewable resources through conservation and alternatives. We will initiate actions to reduce the consumption of petroleum products and reduce the use of electricity, gas, and water.

Obey all laws, rules and regulations. Sheppard AFB will comply with all federal, state, and local environmental regulatory requirements, as well as all Department of Defense, Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, local and Sheppard AFB regulations, instructions, policies, plans, and directives.

Volunteer in community activities. We will continue Sheppard AFB's long standing community relations activities by sharing our commitments through participation and/or sponsorship in community events such as Safety Day, Earth Day, Science Fairs, and classrooms, and other available opportunities.

Eliminate risks. Sheppard AFB will continue to eliminate risks in the work, living, and off-duty locations through sound education.



Compliance with the commitments contained within this policy shall be the responsibility of all members of Sheppard AFB, including all military, civilians, contractors, and tenants.



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