COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ) is a key national defense asset where Marines, Sailors and their families live, work, and train. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ offers unique and irreplaceable training venues in which to hone our warfighting capabilities, enable Force readiness, and prepare for future conflict. Protecting these critical assets through sound, professional environmental management and compliance is crucial for its continued, sustained availability. We must meet our environmental and sustainability responsibilities, meet or exceed our goals, minimize the risk to mission, and strive for continuous improvement by:

- Complying with all applicable environmental legislation, regulations, and policy in order to protect human health and the environment;

- Remediating areas of contamination that are the result of past disposal practices;

- Conserving the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us by the American people;

- Promoting environmental sustainability through pollution prevention, source reduction, recycling, sustainable procurement, water and energy efficiency and conservation, use of native plants in landscaping, and adaptive reuse of existing infrastructure;

- Initiating environmental planning actions early in project planning and involving all appropriate internal and external stakeholders; and

- Proactively engaging with regulatory agencies and the public to foster partnerships, and build trust.

Marine Corps operational and tactical success is linked to responsible stewardship of the environment, while we enable our tenant organizations to conduct realistic, full-spectrum training in support of their readiness and mission requirements. We must understand and fulfill our collective roles in protecting the environment within our training venues, our bases, and our stations. Knowledge of the Marine Corps Environmental Management and Conservation Programs and Executive Order 13148 "Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management," will assist greatly in understanding our collective responsibilities.

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