

VANCE AIR FORCE BASE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT

VAFB is committed to adhering to high standards of environmental quality, to principles of sustainable development and to providing a workplace that protects the health and safety of our employees and the communities surrounding our base. VAFB will sustain the Flying Training Wing mission to produce skilled pilots via the leadership emphasis and stewardship expressed in this commitment statement.

To carry out these commitments in a technically sound, cost effective, and continually improving manner, VAFB through its Energy, Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Council (EESOHC) and its Environmental Management System Cross Functional Team (EMS CFT) will:

- Conduct environmental, transportation and energy-related activities in support of the VAFB mission in a legally compliant, environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, continuously improving, efficient and sustainable manner.
- Design, construct and operate base facilities using practices that comply with the guiding principles of Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings.
- Ensure cost-effective pollution prevention, waste minimization, recycling, water and energy conservation programs are implemented and maintained. VAFB regional and local environmental concerns include protecting the community surrounding the installation by ensuring that operations do not result in the migration of contaminants off-base, preventing the spread of Eastern Red Cedars to neighboring properties, and continuously monitoring for emerging environmental threats in coordination with local, state, and federal regulatory authorities.
- Implement programs for self-monitoring, assessing and reporting to ensure compliance and continual improvement in the pursuit of our environment goals.
- Ensure thorough management support and education so that employees and contractors at VAFB understand their obligations and responsibilities required by the Environmental Management System (EMS).
- Establish objectives with measurable targets for improved environmental performance that are approved and monitored by the Energy, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Council, and compliant with Department of Defense, local, state, federal, and Air Force requirements.
- Ensure that Unit Environmental Coordinators understand environmental aspects associated with each unit and work to minimize environmental impacts.

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