



COMMANDER, FLEET ACTIVITIES OKINAWA



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Environmental Policy

Our installations are an integral part of the Okinawa ecosystem and we recognize the important stewardship responsibilities we have as a significant natural resources trustee. We also perform and host missions vital to our national security. Our duty to both preserve our environment and protect our freedom heightens our dedication to integrate environmental concerns into our daily operations to create a sustainable mission.

We commit to:

- ❖ **Be ACCOUNTABLE to our COMMUNITIES** - We understand that we operate as part of broader communities, and so we shall strive to strengthen our collaboration among internal DoD entities and to further our partnerships with local communities and natural resource trustees.
- ❖ **COMPLY CONSISTENTLY** - Meet or exceed all applicable Japan Environmental Governing Standards and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as Department of Defense and Navy policies.
- ❖ **THINK AHEAD and PLAN** – Integrate environmental considerations into our business practices from the earliest stages of planning, design and procurement in order to reduce our impact on the environment while maximizing mission readiness now and into the future.
- ❖ **IMPROVE CONTINUALLY** - Maintain a culture of continual improvement using an Environmental Management System to achieve our objectives and targets.
- ❖ **OPERATE SUSTAINABLY** - Reduce resource consumption, avoid waste and prevent pollution to minimize our ecological footprint.
- ❖ **NAVY MISSION** – Achieve a truly sustainable mission.

We will TAKE ACTION and make a difference. Each and every individual is expected to actively support our environmental programs to create a stronger Navy and a healthier environment. I challenge you to reduce environmental impacts and continually strengthen our mission readiness.

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