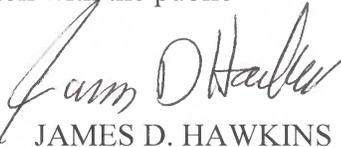


**COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. Naval Station Great Lakes is committed to the protection of human health and the environment through education, pollution prevention, and the investment of resources necessary for continual improvement and compliance.
2. Our success in supporting current and future military operations depends on our ability to manage resources, anticipate change, and keep ahead of increasingly complex environmental regulations through prudent planning and training. Sustainability resource management, hazardous materials minimization, energy conservation, air and water quality, and continuous process improvement are environmentally sound actions that contribute to the success of the Command.
3. In concert with the accomplishment of our mission and vision, we will:
 - Support the Environmental Management System (EMS) and proactively address the environmental aspects of our mission
 - Ensure EMS activities are sufficient to address the nature and scale of environmental impacts of the activities on base
 - Prevent pollution and actively seek to continually improve EMS
 - Comply with all legal requirements and other applicable standards as outlined in our EMS, and operate in a manner compatible with the environment
 - Undertake a structured process on a periodic basis to set environmental targets and review objectives for EMS
 - Commit to documenting, implementing, and maintaining the EMS
 - Ensure the scope of EMS includes and is communicated to all persons and activities within the Command's purview
 - Commit to open and honest communication with the public



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