



**MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD**  
HEADQUARTERS, 172D AIRLIFT WING  
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNIT MEMBERS, CONTRACTORS, & VENDORS

FROM: 172 AW/CC

SUBJECT: 172 AW Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The primary mission of the 172d Airlift Wing is to provide air transportation for airborne forces and their cargo. The Wing operates and maintains the C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft to support its airlift missions. The major support operations conducted on the installation include aircraft maintenance, aerospace ground equipment (AGE) maintenance, ground vehicle maintenance, and facilities maintenance. These operations involve activities such as corrosion control, nondestructive inspection, fuel cell maintenance, engine maintenance, hydraulics, and wheel and tire maintenance.

2. The 172d Airlift Wing is committed to AFD 90-8 (Air Force Environmental Policy), continual improvement and conducting our mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment. In doing so, we will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and other requirements. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship. In support of our environmental commitment, we will:

a. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.

b. Set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective actions when necessary.

c. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

d. Consider environmental factors in all purchasing decisions and will give preference to those products and services designated by or recommended in the federal green purchasing preference programs.

e. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.

f. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments, and develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations.

3. Compliance with this environmental commitment is the responsibility of every member of the 172d Airlift Wing community in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry A. Blanchard".

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