

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 4TH FIGHTER WING (ACC) SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE NC

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 4 FW/CC

SUBJECT: SJAFB Environmental Commitment Statement

1. The 4th Fighter Wing (4 FW) is the host unit at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB) and accomplishes its training and operational missions with F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets. The 916th Air Refueling Wing (916 ARW), a tenant unit at SJAFB, operates the KC-46 Pegasus, a military aerial refueling and transport aircraft. The 4 FW is responsible for the management of SJAFB, the Dare County Range, and the Blakeslee Air Force Recreation Area.

2. Specific mission requirements for both the 4 FW and 916 ARW include access to airspace, land, material resources, and personnel. SJAFB maintains access to these requirements, in part, through effective and compliant management of its air quality, cultural resources, petroleum/oils/lubricants, hazardous materials and waste, natural resources, storage tanks, toxic substances (e.g., asbestos and lead), and water quality.

3. Regional/local environmental concerns include occasional aircraft noise complaints and infrequent inquiries related to SJAFB's historical use of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The 4 FW Public Affairs Office and the 4th Operations Support Squadron handle noise complaints locally, while subject matter experts at the Air Force Civil Engineer Center handle inquiries concerning PFOS/PFOA.

4. Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 90-8, *Environment, Safety & Occupational Health (ESOH) Management*, establishes Air Force (AF) policy for ESOH and applies to all AF personnel and all AF operations. All persons working for, or on behalf of, the AF must be aware of this policy. It establishes AF ESOH priorities of compliance, risk management, and continual improvement, and requires the SJAFB Environmental Management System to meet the performance elements of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001, *Environmental Management Systems*.

- 5. In accordance with AF Instruction 32-7001, Environmental Management, the 4 FW is committed to:
  - a. continual improvement (as defined by ISO 14001:2015, para 10.3, A.3, and A.10.3);
  - b. pollution prevention; and
  - c. compliance with relevant environmental laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and DoD/AF policy

6. The POC for this policy is Ms. Bethanne Trinidad, 4 CES/CEIE, 722-7455.

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