



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
4TH FIGHTER WING (ACC)  
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB 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 Fort Fisher Recreational 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 ISO 14001.
5. In accordance with DAF 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;
  - c. compliance with relevant environmental laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and DoD/AF policy
6. The POC for this policy is Ms. Cathy Pesenti, 4 CES/CEIE, 722-5102.

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# SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

### COMPLIANCE

Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, rules, Executive Orders, DoD and AF policies, and legally-binding agreements such as environmental permits.

#### **AFPD 32-70, Environmental Considerations in Air Force Programs and Activities**

Continuously improve processes and mission-related programs to make sound environmental management a fundamental consideration in all Air Force activities.

Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws.

Consider pollution prevention and waste minimization opportunities for Air Force activities and processes to the greatest extent practicable.

### CONTINUAL IMPROVMENT

Instill a culture that encourages and supports continual improvement of environmental performance to conserve Air Force natural and cultural assets. Ensure sound environmental management is a fundamental consideration in all Air Force activities, in order to reduce mission impacts from environmental degradation and regulatory burden.

### POLLUTION PREVENTION

Consider pollution prevention and waste minimization opportunities for Air Force activities and processes to the greatest extent practicable.

*Pollution prevention is any practice that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution by modifying production processes, promoting the use of nontoxic or less toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and reusing materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.*

#### **AFPD 90-8, Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH)**

Ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, local, DoD and AF statutes, policies, guidance, and regulations.

Ensure ESOH programs focus on mission accomplishment, enable employee involvement, and foster a culture of continual improvement.

Promote environmental stewardship by creating a cultural mindset in which every leader and Airman is trained and motivated to manage environmental risks during all on and off duty activities.

### AWARENESS TRAINING

Environmental Management System (EMS) General Awareness Training is **required for all personnel**, both military and civilian. Training is available on:

***The Environmental Awareness Course Hub (TEACH)***

**<https://usaf.learningbuilder.com/>**

***Environmental Management System (EMS) General Awareness Training***

**Course Number: EMS100AFIT00004**