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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whiting Field
To: All Hands

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST M-5090.1

1. Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) recognizes that environmental excellence is essential to the success of our mission. My goal is to foster a culture of environmental protection, preservation, and conservation through active stewardship and advocacy for our unique natural resources. To achieve this, I ask everyone – individually and collectively – to prevent pollution and ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

2. The following principles will guide our collective efforts:

a. Evaluate existing practices and develop objectives, targets, and procedures that align with established goals and mitigate environmental impacts.

b. Conduct annual base-wide environmental audits to ensure NASWF complies with state and federal environmental laws and regulations. These audits will also assess the effectiveness of the Environmental Management System (EMS) as a tool for continuous improvement.

c. Communicate NASWF's Environmental Policy to all personnel and educate them on their roles and responsibilities as environmental stewards, in accordance with OPNAV Instruction M-5090.1. This will include environmental training during Cross-Functional Team Meetings and other training events.

d. Raise community awareness of NASWF's environmental initiatives by utilizing the NASWF website and engaging in outreach activities such as Earth Day events.

3. My Environmental Department will take the lead in implementing these principles, but success will depend on the collective effort of the entire team.

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T. J. ELKINS