



Commanding Officer's Environmental Statement



We are entrusted by the public to make environmental considerations an integral part of installation and range management programs, training activities, equipment fielding and construction planning processes. All service members, civilians, contractors, and families aboard MCAS New River must understand they have a vital role and responsibility in protecting and caring for the environment.

The Marine Corps' ability to rapidly deploy and effectively complete its mission requires realistic and demanding training. While MCAS New River provides the necessary training support, we must also remain aware of how everyday activities influence the environment.

MCAS New River will establish an Environmental Policy that sustains support for facilities and quality training environments. We are firmly committed to complying with, and exceeding where possible, all applicable federal, state and local environmental laws, regulations and conscientiously work to conserve the natural resources under our management and control. MCAS New River will act in accordance with the following environmental goals.

- Prevent pollution and minimize the distribution and use of hazardous materials to provide our tenant units and surrounding communities with safer and cleaner living environments;
- Preventive identification and evaluation of environmental risk, along with the implementation of measures to eliminate or control that risk;
- Set and review environmental objectives and targets, participate in external and internal environmental program assessments to allow for continued improvement
- Adoption of industry best practices and prevent pollution whenever possible;
- Clean contaminated sites and prevent future contamination or spills;
- Conserve our finite natural and cultural resources by encouraging training and awareness of environmental factors such as soil erosion, waste streams and fire hazards.

MCAS New River is dedicated to the continuous improvement of our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and/or activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment. Our commitment to the environment will be conducted in a thoughtful, responsible way, with a view to preventing pollution and safeguarding our natural environment.

Semper Fidelis,

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