COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany mission is to provide facilities, infrastructure, and a range of tailored support services to all commands aboard the installation. To accomplish this critical mission indefinitely, MCLB Albany is committed to a policy of sustainable operations through the ongoing operation of an Environmental Management System (EMS) in compliance with Executive Order 13514. MCLB Albany will use its EMS to strengthen mission readiness, while simultaneously preserving the natural resources necessary to support current and future missions. To achieve these goals, MCLB Albany will:

- Actively protect and enhance the quality of the environment through strict compliance with applicable environmental requirements and through a process of continual improvement.

- Utilize environmental training and education, pollution prevention, cleanup programs, and the integrated management of natural resources as the long-term strategies for achieving and maintaining strict compliance with regulatory and military requirements.

- Protect and manage watersheds, wetlands, natural landscapes, soils, forests, fish and wildlife, aquifer recharge areas, and other cultural and natural resources as vital MCLB Albany assets.

- Monitor water use, air emissions, material use and waste generation, transportation efficiency, energy use, natural resource availability, and building system operations in order to track system performance.

- Promote energy reduction; use of products with recycled or renewable content; minimization of waste; and minimization of impacts to natural resources in all planning, design, construction, environmental management, operations, maintenance, purchasing, and disposal activities.

- Assess and remediate contaminated sites aboard the base that are the result of past disposal practices; handle spills and leaks of hazardous materials and wastes; and continue to encourage public participation, cooperation, and exchange of information among parties associated with the investigation and remediation process.

Achieving MCLB Albany's mission depends on our success as stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted. All Marines, Sailors, and civilians are expected to support the EMS to ensure its success and the long term sustainability of operations aboard MCLB Albany.

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