



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
27TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC)  
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE NEW MEXICO**

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS AND STAFF AGENCY CHIEFS

FROM: 27 SOW/CC

SUBJECT: 27 SOW Environmental Commitment Statement

1. To Fly, Fight and Win – specialized airpower any time, any place, anywhere. Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) and Melrose Air Force Range (MAFR) are committed to conducting its mission in an environmentally responsible manner to protect human health and natural resources. CAFB and MAFR will comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations to carry out the mission. We will strive for continual process improvement to enhance our environmental performance. The installation will continue to pursue responsible environmental stewardship and develop working relationships with surrounding communities, including Federally Recognized Native American Tribes. In support of our environmental commitment, CAFB and MAFR will:

- a. Maintain a fully conforming Environmental Management System (EMS) that meets conformance standards according to AFI 32-7001 *Environmental Management*.
- b. Appoint organizational Unit Environmental Coordinators (UECs) to address environmental matters and training.
- c. Set environmental goals to sustain the mission, measure progress of activities, products and services, maintain compliance, and protect our natural resource assets.
- d. Implement actions to meet these goals, and communicate results to applicable personnel, suppliers, contractors and/or regulators.
- e. Maintain an effective pollution prevention program by recycling materials, minimizing hazardous materials and waste, and disposing of wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
- f. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation with practices and procedures to conserve energy, improve energy efficiency and promote sustainability.
- g. Continue internal staff assistance visits that will identify non-compliance situations and institute documented corrective and preventative action plans.
- h. Promote the conservation and sustainable use of water resources to support the mission and local community needs.

i. Promote the elimination of invasive species while promoting native species across CAFB and MAFR.

j. Establish consultation and a mutually agreed upon process by which an Installation Commander, or higher-level official, communicates and coordinates on a government-to-government basis with Tribal governments.

2. This statement applies to the 27 SOW, all assigned units, tenants, and contractors within the fence line of CAFB and MAFR. It is the responsibility of the entire workforce to be aware of, and abide by, this statement.

3. Any questions or comments should be directed to the Alicia Washington, Environmental Element Chief at 575-904-6747 or [alicia.washington.2@us.af.mil](mailto:alicia.washington.2@us.af.mil).

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