



**RHODE ISLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 143 AIRLIFT WING (AMC) (ANG)**

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FROM: 143 CES/EM

TO: 143 AW/CC

Subject: 143d Airlift Wing Environmental Commitment Statement

- 1) The 143d Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard is committed to leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment. Our Environmental Management System (EMS) is an effective and efficient means of accomplishing this. While carrying out our primary mission of delivering passengers and cargo by airdrop, as well as extraction and air/land support of theater commands throughout the world via the C130J aircraft, we are determined to work as a team to: 1) serve our community and state, 2) care for our people, and 3) defend our nation.
- 2) The 143 AW confirms that environmental protection is a primary responsibility of senior leadership. We are committed to maintaining compliance with all federal state and local environmental legal requirements, as well as other applicable requirements, including Executive Orders and Department of Defense, Air Force, and Air National Guard directives. We also are committed to continual improvement in our environmental performance. We will establish environmental objectives and targets and programs to achieve them. We will monitor and report on our progress toward reducing waste through pollution prevention, reducing energy and water consumption, and minimizing our impacts on the manmade and natural environments.
- 3) The 143 AW adopts the following principles:
 - a. Environmental protection is a line responsibility and an important measure of worker performance. Our military and civilian personnel are equally responsible for environmental protection and worker safety. Each individual must ensure that he or she is familiar with and implements the environmental protection procedures associated with his or her work.
 - b. Compliance with all federal, state, and local environmental regulations is paramount in all we do. Continued emphasis will be placed on reducing our regulatory burden by identifying opportunities to reduce our impact on the air, land, and water. Each employee will be proactive in communicating environmental compliance concerns to his or her supervisor.

- c. Evaluation of new and innovative materials and technologies, as appropriate, is a key to implementing an effective pollution prevention program. Each individual should seek opportunities to purchase environmentally preferable products, minimize the generation of wastes, reduce energy and water use, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
 - d. Implementation and maintenance of an effective EMS ensures that all military and civilian personnel have access to the training and operational controls to promote environmentally sound performance. The Environmental Manager will present a report to senior leadership on the status of the EMS at each of the meetings of the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Council.
- 4) Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of every member of the 143 AW community in accordance with his/her role and responsibilities in the organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Floru', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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