



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, YUMA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM POLICY

Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma is the Center of Excellence for aviation training. Therefore, we must maintain the necessary facilities and training areas so that we can “train as we fight”. The integrity of these valuable assets must be preserved for future generations of Marines. Sustaining these operations requires that we practice a policy of active environmental management of ranges, training areas, support facilities, and our homes. The Secretary of Defense has tasked installations to take the lead in environmental compliance, management and protection. As the Commander of MCAS Yuma, I will support this policy.

Environmental stewardship in day-to-day operations is our way of doing business. This ensures we remain mission capable, combat ready, and able to support our mission training needs. It is my intent to use a formal, comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) as the tool to maintain our freedom of action and manage risk to operational readiness.

Marines obey the Nation’s laws. Environmental laws are no exception. We must police ourselves, correct deficiencies and demonstrate compliance.

The public expects us to protect the natural and cultural resources. I consider this an issue of special trust and confidence. We respond to this expectation with a commitment to clean up contaminated sites and implementing pollution prevention efforts that maximize the use of products and processes that reduce exposure to hazardous materials. Pollution prevention and source reduction will also alleviate the burden of environmental compliance. By implementing innovative solutions we reduce the volume of waste streams, reduce disposal and cleanup costs, and improve efficiency.

Our mission depends upon our success as stewards of those areas that have been entrusted to us. The Marine Corps EMS will guide us toward this goal. I expect all Marines and Sailors, both military and civilian, to support our EMS and ensure access to land and airspace for future Marines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Martinez", written over a horizontal line.

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