



**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA
COMMANDING OFFICER
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM POLICY**



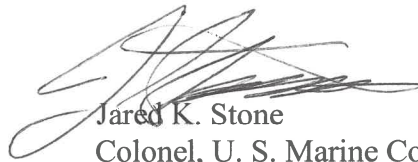
Marine Corps Air Station Yuma is the premier installation for aviation training and warfighting readiness generation. Therefore, we must maintain the necessary facilities and training areas so that we can “train as we fight.” The integrity of these valuable assets must be preserved for future generations of Marines. Sustaining these operations requires that we practice a policy of active environmental management of ranges, training areas, support facilities, and our homes. Our Chain of Command has tasked our installation to take the lead in environmental compliance, management, and protection. As the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, I am committed to compliance with relevant environmental legislation, regulations, and policies.

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 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 implement pollution prevention efforts maximizing 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, minimize 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 Environmental Management System will guide us towards this goal. I expect all Marines and Sailors, both military and civilian, to support our Environmental Management System and ensure access to land and airspace for future Marines.

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