



U.S. AIR FORCE

## Sheppard AFB Environmental Commitment Statement



### "Committed to Continual Improvement"

**Initiate** programs dedicated to continual improvement. We respect personal health and the environment. We foster a spirit of cooperation by building relationships with regulatory agencies, interest groups, stakeholders, and our community to engender collaboration, cooperation, and mutual understanding. We provide a cleaner and safer environment through education, support, and involvement of all personnel in environmental compliance, pollution prevention, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. Sheppard AFB implements this policy down to the lowest level. Finally, we improve, measure, and evaluate through our Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC) organizational structure.

**Maintain** an effective Environmental Management System and promote healthy and mutually beneficial communication with partnering communities to avoid compromising our missions to "Train the world's best Airmen" and "Strengthen partnerships, Train Fighter Pilots, and Develop Warrior Leaders for the NATO Alliance".

**Prevent** pollution. Sheppard AFB values "Compliance Through Pollution Prevention". We (a) eliminate compliance sites through process elimination or reduction, to the maximum extent possible, (b) reduce hazardous material purchases and use through process changes or reduction, product substitution, and proper material management procedures, (c) reduce solid waste disposal through aggressive recycling efforts, and (d) maximize recycled content product purchases of supplies and materials.

**Reduce** the use of non-renewable resources. We promote reducing consumption of petroleum products, electricity, and gas. We partner with regional and local entities to address environmental concerns such as periodic drought by implementing water conservation measures for the protection of community water resources.

**Obey** all laws, rules, and regulations. Sheppard AFB complies with all federal, state, and local environmental regulatory requirements, as well as all Department of Defense, Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, local and Sheppard AFB regulations, instructions, policies, plans, and directives.

**Volunteer** in community activities. We strive to participate and/or sponsor community events such as, Earth Day, school classroom presentations, and other available opportunities, continuing Sheppard AFB's long-standing community relations activities.

**Eliminate** risks. Sheppard AFB continues to eliminate risks in work, living, and off-duty locations through sound education.



Compliance with the commitments contained within this statement shall be the responsibility of all members of Sheppard AFB, including all military, civilians, contractors, and mission partners.



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