



## ENVIRONMENTAL & POLLUTION PREVENTION POLICY

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Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) acknowledges a responsibility to the environment, and we express our commitment towards implementing practices that will promote environmental sustainability. The following policy governs the management of the environmental aspects of our Command and the Navy, with specific focus on the conservation of resources and the reduction of waste. This policy relates to how all operations in our facility will be continually reviewed and improved, so that we will truly be able to integrate environmental policy, patient care and social considerations into our everyday practices. NHP is in complete support of the Navy Hazardous Waste Reduction/Pollution Prevention Policies as required in OPNAVINST 5090.1D and the Environmental Management System Implementation Plan. NHP is located in a sensitive and historical environmental region along the Emerald Coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

NHP will comply with all regulations applicable to the conduct of our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance and operate in the full spirit and intent of the environmental law. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. Everyone in this Command, including the Naval Branch Health Clinics, shall be fully aware of the hazardous material within their work environments and trained to meet mission capabilities. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship in total dedication in improving our procedures for our patients and staff. We will strive for full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local policies and regulations. In support of this environmental policy, we will:

1. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.
2. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
3. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.
4. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments, and develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations.

On many aspects, NHP historically sets the metrics for this command, for the Navy and for the community health providers in the region. We must continue this commitment and endeavor to achieve the Navy Environmental Leadership goals by setting our own standards of excellence higher. To obtain this, NHP's Command Executive Board requests the help of all staff members in promoting the most effective pollution prevention program possible to enhance the environment for everyone that graces our installation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Martin".

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