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### COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

As Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Sigonella, Italy I take personal pride in the environmental programs throughout my Command and insist that environmental management remains one of our highest priorities. I pledge to make environmental considerations an integral part of our planning, decision-making and operational processes. As part of this commitment, USNH Sigonella will continue to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) as required by Executive Order 13423, which provides top-down Chain of Command support in both policy and execution of our Environmental Program.

USNH Sigonella is committed to providing an environmental program that will ensure the maintenance and stewardship of our host's environment while accomplishing our mission to ensure readiness, force health protection and consistently high quality health services for all entrusted to our care.

USNH Sigonella is committed to continual improvement and the prevention of pollution. Each of us has a significant role in achieving this goal, and the Chain of Command will provide leadership to ensure that all personnel develop and exhibit a good environmental ethic.

#### USNH SIGONELLA ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

##### - COMPLIANCE

All personnel shall comply with environmental regulations as outlined by the Environmental Final Governing Standards for Italy and other applicable legal requirements and all other environmental requirements. Environmental compliance program areas include but are not limited to: clean air, clean water, drinking water, oil and hazardous substance release prevention and reporting, hazardous waste, solid waste and recycling, and storage tanks.

##### - SERVICES

We provide environmental protection services, including hazardous waste management, sampling and testing, oversight for spill control, response and clean up recycling.

##### - PLANNING

We provide support to ensure planning for projects and operations are documented with environmental assessments, impacts and reviews. We remain committed to setting, reviewing and improving environmental objectives and targets.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

USNH Sigonella's EMS integrates environmental considerations into day-to-day activities. It is a framework that provides a systematic way to review, create awareness and improve environmental performance. This is an important step in supporting mission readiness and effective use of our resources. The key enabler to our success is senior leadership's commitment to EMS implementation and sustainability. I request that all personnel join me in my pledge to responsible environmental management of USNH Sigonella.

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