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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) DoDI 4715.17 of 15 April 2009

1. U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner. National defense and environmental protection are, and must be, compatible goals. The Chief of Naval Operations has defined the environmental vision of the Navy as "a Navy recognized as an environmental leader while effectively executing naval operations."

2. Through leadership and personal commitment, the chain of command will ensure that all military, civilian, and contract personnel prevent pollution and protect the environment as part of their mission. In order to achieve this goal, I support and expect all staff fully comply with the U.S. Navy's policy per reference (a) and do the following:

a. Implement pollution prevention and good environmental management practices at the earliest stages of planning, design, and procurement of facilities, equipment, and materiel.

b. Ensure that all military, civilian, and contract personnel adhere to applicable federal, state, and local environmental legislation and regulations as well as Navy policies.

c. Emphasize reduction, reuse, and recycling of raw materials and waste products to minimize environmental impacts when pollution prevention is not feasible.

d. Continually review, measure, evaluate, and improve environmental standards, practices, and performance. Provide a method to ensure program success by setting objectives and targets and defining plan of action and milestone dates.

e. Provide outreach to and partner with federal, state, and local governmental bodies when possible. Educate the community as appropriate about our environmental practices, and especially successes.

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f. Minimize the impact to mission readiness while following the above guidelines.

3. USNH Guam will excel in all aspects of our work and strive for recognition as a model of environmental excellence. Each and every staff member, regardless of position, rank, or function, has a significant role to play in achieving this goal.



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