



Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar Environmental Policy Statement



Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar is the Marine Corps' premier Air Stations and one of the Department of Defense's (DOD) busiest and most strategically located Air Stations. MCAS Miramar is located in the center of a constellation of Marine and Navy installations and ranges in the Southwestern United States, which is ideal for unimpeded access to the training needed to support combat readiness and on order, act as a power projection platform in support of Joint Force operations in Indo-Pacific Command.

We take great pride in being a part of the San Diego community and appreciate the partnership and unwavering support from "America's Finest City." The Marine Corps recognizes its responsibility to San Diegans to maintain stewardship of the Air Station by preventing unnecessary hazards while supporting all aircraft operations from 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW). MCAS Miramar's Environmental ethos is based on a commitment to compliance with Federal, State and Local environmental regulations in order to preserve natural and cultural resources and to mitigate environmental and health risk while sustaining realistic military training and testing for future generations of Marines. Through promoting a culture of compliance, MCAS Miramar will conduct mission planning, decision making, training, and daily operations in a manner that demonstrates a commitment to:

- Compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policy in practice and planning;
- Implementation and improvement of Environmental Management Systems that enhance the capability of MCAS Miramar to support 3d MAW training and reduce risks to mission and the environment;
- Conserve MCAS Miramar natural and cultural resources;
- Remediate contaminated sites that are the result of past practices;
- Prevent pollution to protect the environment and minimize the burden and cost of compliance, and prevent spills;
- Proper disposal of solid, hazardous and universal wastes to reduces impacts the environment and avoid environmental violations that take vital funds away from mission-related activities;
- Sustainability through renewable energy, resource reduction and recycling;
- Partner with other federal, state and local resource agencies to share successes and lessons learned to maximize the return on the Marine Corps investment in environmental compliance and conservation.

MCAS Miramar's emphasis on environmental stewardship is based on the four foundational pillars of compliance, conservation, environmental restoration, and pollution prevention. Through incorporating these principles in our daily activities and future plans we will succeed in environmental management which will produce improvements in training opportunities, maximize resources, and support the broader Marine Corps mission. MCAS Miramar communicates this policy to all levels of the organization and station tenants in order to increase environmental awareness. This policy, along with environmental goals and objectives and other elements of the Station Environmental Management System, are available to all hands and the public at <http://www.miramar-ems.marines.mil/>.


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