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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Directors, Office Chiefs of Team White Sands

SUBJECT: White Sands Missile Range Environmental Policy

1. White Sands Missile Range is dedicated to protecting our environment. This policy requires the support of all stakeholders in order for its success, military, civilians and contractors alike. This policy applies to all personnel performing work for or on behalf of the installation, including Soldiers, civilians and contractors and establishes my commitment to compliance, pollution prevention and continual improvement of operations to reduce environmental impacts. This policy supersedes the Team White Sands Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy dated 11 Sep 2005.

2. Every one of us performs tasks that could potentially affect the environment. Our duty is to provide guidance and leadership to make environmental protection attainable. We must spread the word on programs and policies, and make sure everyone in the organization knows how and why we put so much effort into environmental protection.

3. Our policy is clear. We will comply with all of the laws and regulations related to activities that impact the environment. We will prevent pollution from the beginning to avoid future environmental impacts. We will clean up areas where we or our predecessors have failed to comply. Leaders must take responsibility for the areas under their supervision and understand the requirements and standards of compliance.

4. As an organization, we must go several steps beyond compliance and implement our Environmental Management System. Personnel in every unit on the installation should know how their operations and actions impact the environment. The Environmental Management System provides a framework to establish and annually review our environmental objectives and targets and implement continual improvement in our day-to-day operations that minimize our environmental impacts.

5. White Sands has accomplished a great deal in environmental protection, but our task is not done. I challenge everyone to help reduce our environmental footprint by adhering to this policy.

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