

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

Environmental Commitment Statement

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) includes more than 80 military and civilian mission partners. Their missions include flying, flight testing and modification, aircraft maintenance, military training, design & procurement of military equipment, technology development, logistics, communications, research and development, manufacturing, and testing, among others.

Specific mission requirements of JB MDL and its mission partners include fixed and rotary wing aircraft, airfields, airspace, gunnery ranges, approximately 42,000 acres total land, over 4,700 facilities, utilities, fuel-handling systems, transportation systems, mobilization and training facilities, and personnel. Environmental concerns unique to JB MDL include: wildland fire protection of more than 30,000 acres of military range areas; internal drinking water production for three large base community systems involving twenty supply wells; income-generating recycling of Expended, Small-Arm, Cartridge Casings (ESACCs); stringent New Jersey environmental laws and regulations; limitations imposed by the Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Area; and protection of cultural resources including a National Historic Landmark (Hangar 1), three historic districts, the Hanover Furnace historic property, and more than 170 archaeological resources located throughout the installation.

As an installation, we are committed to continuously improving environmental performance and management practices, ensuring environmental compliance, and minimizing pollution. In all activities, we seek to be active stewards of our environment and to protect its resources. We will

- Be compliant with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws
- Maintain a current environmental management system
- Establish quantifiable goals for environmental performance
- Conduct routine management reviews to continually assess our progress toward environmental goals and update our operating procedures to stay in line with our goals
- Responsibly manage the natural and cultural resources held in public trust
- Minimize waste streams via reuse and recycling
- Reduce/eliminate pollution without compromising the mission
- Increase our community's awareness of our environmental policies and progress via outreach including, but not limited to, press releases, public meetings, Earth Day activities, and the internet.

Compliance with environmental laws and this policy is the responsibility of every member of JB MDL in accordance with his or her roles and responsibilities within the organization.

References:

AFPD 32-70 Environmental Considerations in Air Force Programs and Activities

AFPD 90-8 Environment, Safety & Occupational Health Management and Risk Management

AFI 32-7001 Environmental Management

DoDI 4715.17 Environmental Management Systems

Annual approval of this commitment statement by the JB MDL Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Council was last granted on 20 Aug 2020.