

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 319TH RECONNAISSANCE WING (ACC) GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GRAND FORKS AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 319 RW/CC

SUBJECT: Grand Forks AFB Environmental Commitment Statement

- 1. Grand Forks AFB is the home of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing assigned to Air Combat Command where we generate world-class support for the Global Hawk High Altitude ISR mission and seamlessly operate and sustain the High Frequency Global Communications System.
- 2. Maintaining our mission demands access to airspace and material resources to include 5,773 acres of land and over 340 facilities. Grand Forks AFB maintains the effective use of these assets, in part, through the sustainable management of its air quality, natural and cultural resources, hazardous materials and waste, fuel management, toxic substances and water quality.
- 3. Local and regional topics of concern include the protection of our surface and ground water resources. Grand Forks AFB's permitted wastewater treatment system discharges through Kellys Slough National Wildlife Refuge, eventually joining the Red River of the North. Emerging concerns over past practices and procedures drive the need for continued investigation to ensure that potential contamination is identified and cannot migrate off-station. While the current threat is very low, these issues remain at the forefront of our leadership's attention and are actively being tracked and reported through the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council.
- 4. IAW the requirements of AFI32-7001, the 319 RW proudly maintains its commitment to the environment by pursuing continuous performance improvement, implementing new and improved pollution prevention practices, and maintaining compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and DoD/AF policy.
- 5. My POC for this subject is the installation EMS Coordinator, 319 CES/CEIE (701) 747-4774.

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