



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

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GRAND FORKS AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 319 RW/CC

SUBJECT: Grand Forks Air Force Base (AFB) Environmental Commitment Statement

1. Grand Forks AFB is home of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing (319 RW) assigned to the Air Combat Command, generating world-class support for the RQ-4 Global Hawk high altitude intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance mission and the High Frequency Global Communications Systems (HFGCS).
2. Grand Forks AFB meets operational demands with airspace and material resources, including 5,755 acres of land, 475 buildings, 263 structures, 110 linear records, and 58 land records. Effective sustainment and use of these assets, in part, through the implementation of the base Environmental Management System (EMS), which encompasses air quality, natural and cultural resources, hazardous materials and waste programs, fuel and storage tank management, toxic substances, and water quality, are integral to the success of base missions.
3. Local and regional environmental concerns include the protection of surface and groundwater resources. The installations permitted wastewater treatment system discharges through Kellys Slough National Wildlife Refuge, eventually joining the Red River of the North that are classed as Waters of the United States. Emerging concerns over past practices and procedures drive the need for continued investigation to identify any potential contamination, evaluate risks, monitor water quality compliance and implement best management practices for resource conservation and environmental stewardship. These issues are at the forefront of leadership attention and are actively tracked and reported through the EMS program and the base Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC).
4. IAW the requirements of DAFI32-7001, the 319 RW proudly maintains its commitment to the environment by pursuing continual improvement, pollution prevention, practicing resource conservation, promoting awareness, providing training, and maintaining compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and Air Force and Department of Defense policies.
5. The POC for the installation EMS program and ESOHC is the base environmental compliance chief, 319 CES/CEIE (701) 747-4774.

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