



COMMANDING GENERAL'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT



Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton (MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN) is the Marine Corps' premier amphibious training Base and one of the Department of Defense's (DoD) busiest Installations. Occupying 125,000 acres of largely undeveloped land along the Southern California coast, Camp Pendleton offers myriad training facilities for active and reserve DoD components, as well as other national, state, and local agencies. MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN and its installations are missioned to operate training bases and ranges that promote the combat readiness of the Operating Forces and the missions of tenant commands by providing training opportunities, facilities, services, and support responsive to the needs of Marines, Sailors, and their families.

As we support today's fight and prepare for tomorrow's conflicts, we will maintain our commitment to sustaining and enhancing mission readiness and providing access to training environments through effective and efficient environmental management. While training on the lands of the Southwest, Marines take great pride in preserving the natural and cultural resources of this region. The Marine Corps is committed to responsible stewardship of the environment through programs that ensure the proper balance between the operational needs of the Marine Corps and the protection and preservation of the environment for future generations. Accordingly, I charge all commanders and personnel to conduct mission planning, decision making, training, and daily operations in a manner that demonstrates a commitment to:

- Comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policy;
- Implement and improve Environmental Management Systems that enhance the capability of Camp Pendleton, Stations, and ranges to support expeditionary Marine Air Ground Task Force training and minimize risks to both mission and the environment;
- Exercise sound stewardship of MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN natural and cultural resources;
- Remediate contaminated sites that are the result of past disposal practices;
- Prevent pollution to minimize the burden and cost of compliance and prevent spills;
- 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.

Commanders and leaders of all units will promote awareness of this policy and that superior environmental management expands training opportunities, maximizes resources, and supports the broader Marine Corps mission.

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