



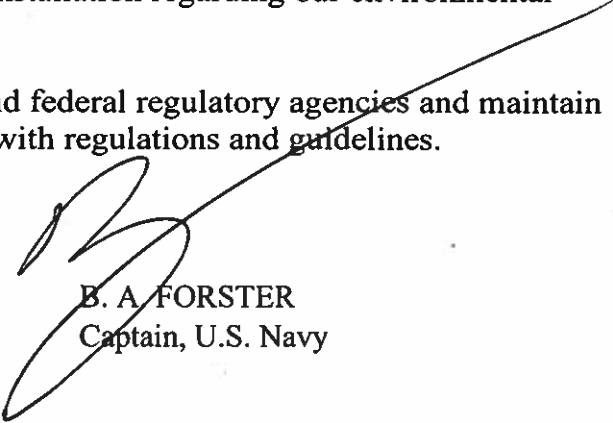
COMMANDING OFFICER NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Naval Weapons Station Earle is a 12,000 acre ordnance storage, transport and handling facility supporting all Navy Atlantic Fleet Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups. The installation is also the operational support base for five Military Sealift Command cargo/ammunition ships and provides host services and security for over 1,500 personnel.

In support of this vital mission, we are committed to responsible management of the installation's environment and compliance with local, state and federal environmental laws, regulations and policies. Good environmental stewardship is essential to our mission and the preservation and protection of our land, air and water. We are also committed to preventing pollution at its source whenever possible.

To achieve our goals, we have adopted the following principles for our environmental management system. We commit to:

- Integrate sound environmental practices into our operational decisions to minimize the environmental impact.
- Continually improve our environmental performance through effective environmental management and planning.
- Ensure implementation of pollution prevention and waste minimization programs.
- Develop objectives and targets and implement sustainable practices to reduce environmental impacts.
- Conduct regular environmental management system audits to continually assess our progress toward achieving our environmental goals.
- Educate our personnel on their responsibilities as stewards of the environment.
- Foster communication throughout the installation regarding our environmental commitments and performance.
- Sustain partnerships with local, state and federal regulatory agencies and maintain continuous environmental compliance with regulations and guidelines.


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