



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: 439 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System (EMS) Commitment Statement

1. The 439th Airlift Wing is the subordinate command operating C-5M aircraft at Westover Air Reserve Base located in Chicopee, Massachusetts. The 439th Airlift Wing holds the commitment to implement an environmental management system (EMS) that will serve to:

- a. Align with the military mission to actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready mobility forces,
- b. Ensure environmental compliance, resource conservation, and prevent pollution,
- c. Integrate planning by assessing the impact of environmental matters on mission priorities.
- d. Create procedures for self-evaluation and corrective actions,
- e. Assure that senior leadership periodically reviews the management system, recommends improvements, and publishes the review,
- f. Include resource requirements for EMS in the budget process; and
- g. Share information and interact with internal and external stakeholders on environmental performance against goals, objectives, and targets. This Environmental Commitment Statement is posted on the installation eDASH page and the Westover ARB public website:  
<https://www.westover.afrc.af.mil/About-Us/Resources/Environmental-and-Noise/>

3. The 439th AW EMS policy is aligned with Department of Defense goals to integrate its business areas with environmental management systems that avoid risk and promote effective interactions among DoD components and regulatory agencies. The 439th AW works closely with the State Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to meet requirements of the State's core programs because the Base's resources can also be an asset to the State, such as drinking water quality.

4. Questions about Westover's EMS Program can be directed to Mr. John B. Moriarty, Chief Environmental Engineer, at 413-557-2434.

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