



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 23D WING (ACC)
MOODY AIR FORCE BASE GEORGIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR 23 WG PERSONNEL, TENANTS AND CONTRACTORS

FROM: 23 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Moody Air Force Base Environmental Policy (S/S all Pervious Memorandums With Similar Subject Headings)

1. This Environmental Policy includes all activities, products, and services conducted within the perimeter of Moody Air Force Base (AFB), including tenant and contractor operations, as well as all Geographically Separated Units over which the 23 WG exercises oversight and jurisdiction, including Grassy Pond Recreational Annex, Grand Bay Range, and the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR). APAFR includes Avon Park Air Force Auxiliary Field, also known as MacDill Air Force Base Auxiliary Field.

2. Moody AFB is located 9 miles northeast of Valdosta, GA in Lanier and Lowndes counties in Georgia. The mission of the 23d Wing is to optimally organize, train, equip and deploy precision attack, personnel recovery, and combat support to win today's fight. The 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, activated in 2008, became the first wing to provide highly trained ground combat forces capable of integrating air and space power into the ground scheme of fire and maneuver. Grand Bay Range is a 5,874-acre air-to-ground bombing and gunnery range, contiguous with Moody AFB. The approximate 7,300-acre operational boundary defines the area where access is controlled and nonrange operations are restricted. The 23 FG and 23 OSS manage military operations on Grand Bay Range. As part of the overall natural resources management of Moody AFB, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) implements a fish and wildlife management program at Grand Bay Range under an Air Force license agreement. Grand Bay Range is combined with state-owned and state-leased property to the south of Moody AFB to form the Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area. Moody AFB also has a cooperative stewardship plan with Georgia DNR, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to collectively manage long-term viability for the 13,000-acre Grand Bay-Banks Lake wetland ecosystem. APAFR is located east of the city of Avon Park in Polk and Highlands Counties, Florida. The mission of APAFR is to provide a sustainable, world-class training complex focused on advanced, realistic, and relevant training for joint, interagency, and multinational partners and excelling in air-ground integration. APAFR is the primary training range for Homestead Air Reserve Base and is also an important range for Patrick, MacDill, and Moody AFBs, routinely hosting numerous squadron/unit-level deployments from across the country. APAFR is the largest wildlife management area in the southwest region of Florida and is known as a world-class destination for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, birding, and outdoor educational opportunities.

3. Our continuing commitment to be good environmental stewards and to continually improve

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our environmental performance is an important part of the mission of the 23 WG. We ensure the quality of our environmental stewardship through aggressive pollution prevention, restoration, natural resources conservation, and environmental compliance initiatives. We must continue to fully integrate environmental concerns in all phases of operations at Moody AFB. We are committed to comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and Air Force environmental laws and regulations. In support of our environmental goals, we will:

a. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.

b. Set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary, and communicate results and other environmental information regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators and the public.

c. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials destined to become waste, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

d. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.

4. By promoting a truly cross-functional approach to environmental stewardship, the 23 WG will ensure that ownership and responsibility for protecting and enhancing our environment rests not with one office or squadron, but with the entire Moody AFB community, including our GSUs and tenant organizations. The Moody AFB Cross Functional Team (CFT) will review, modify, and reset environmental objectives, targets and action plans as appropriate, and the Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC) will review these at least annually, to achieve continual improvement.

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