



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
65TH AIR BASE WING (USAFE)  
LAJES FIELD AZORES PORTUGAL

OCT 23 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL LAJES PERSONNEL

FROM: 65 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: 65 ABW Environmental Commitment

1. The 65th Air Base Wing uses ISO 14001 Standard, *Environmental Management Systems – Requirements with guidance for use* as the framework for evaluating practices, setting objectives and targets, assigning responsibilities and allocating resources to manage Lajes Field environmental aspects and improve sustainability of the mission.
2. The 65 ABW incorporates innovation and creative thinking and encompasses all 65 ABW organizations, tenant organizations, contractor-run operations, and facilities managed by US Forces, in support of increasingly sustainable operations.
3. The 65 ABW is committed to:
  - a. Comply with Final Governing Standards- Portugal, USAF/DoD regulations and policies, while reducing compliance costs and liabilities;
  - b. Value and strengthen the collaboration with our host nation to develop programs and policies that conform with locally applicable environmental standards;
  - c. Reduce risks to airmen and the environment, striving for continual improvement in our environmental performance;
  - d. Prevent pollution by minimizing and disposing of wastes according to environmental best management practices, reducing hazardous materials and using environmentally friendly materials;
  - e. Reduce energy and water use throughout the installation, by researching and adopting innovative practices for its conservation;
  - f. Implement, maintain, document, and communicate this commitment to all personnel and make it available to the public.
4. Compliance with this Environmental Commitment is the responsibility of every member of the 65 ABW community in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rothrock".

MARTIN L. ROTHROCK, Colonel, USAF  
Commander