

# Kennedy NASA Policy Directive

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Responsible Office: Center Operations

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## KSC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration

John F. Kennedy Space Center

## 1. POLICY

KSC is uniquely located within the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR). The executive managers and all employees at KSC are committed to protect, preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of the environment while achieving our mission activities. It is the responsibility of every KSC employee to ensure that their work activities are conducted in a manner that supports environmental leadership at KSC. We shall do this by following the actions set forth in the environmental policy below.

- a. Assure Compliance - Assure compliance through a proactive, systematic approach that integrates environmental management system elements into KSC operations and practices to comply with all environmental laws, regulations, policies, Executive Orders, and NASA's environmental directives, procedures, and requirements.
- b. Conserve Resources - Conduct KSC operations in a manner that protects and enhances KSC's unique environmental resources through the efficient use of natural resources and energy.
- c. Prevent Pollution - Reduce the use and emission of toxic materials, minimize waste generation, and improve KSC recycling efforts through recovery, reuse, and purchase of environmentally preferable products.
- d. Restore Environmentally Contaminated Areas - Clean up, enhance, and restore the environmental quality of KSC areas which have been adversely impacted by KSC operations.
- e. Continually Improve Environmental Performance - Continually review and improve the KSC Environmental Management System and environmental performance by such means as developing and sharing innovative technologies and by enhancing environmental science through partnerships with other governmental agencies, academia, and other organizations.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all KSC organizational elements and, to the extent provided in applicable contracts, to KSC and NASA contractors and subcontractors working on KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It also applies to tenants within the geographical boundaries of KSC. This Policy applies to all KSC environmental programs, excluding radioactive materials.

## 3. AUTHORITY

[NPD 8500.1](#), NASA Environmental Management

## 4. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- a. [NPR 8553.1](#), NASA Environmental Management System
- b. [NPR 8570.1](#), Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation
- c. [KNPR 8500.1](#), KSC Environmental Requirements

## 5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Director of Center Operations is responsible for the implementation of environmental programs and activities on KSC.
- b. The Chief, Environmental Assurance Branch, is responsible for managing the KSC environmental permitting, compliance, and remediation programs. For these areas, responsibilities include coordination and integration of all environmental programs, all formal contact with environmental regulatory agencies, remediation of contaminated sites, cease and desist authority for all polluting activities, and compliance monitoring and surveillance.
- c. The Chief, Environmental Management Branch, is responsible for managing the KSC Environmental Management System and the recycling, sustainable acquisition, hazardous materials, pollution prevention, energy management, natural/cultural resources, and National Environmental Policy Act programs. These responsibilities include coordination and integration of all programs in these areas and all formal contact with environmental regulatory agencies.
- d. Heads of primary organizations, all tenant organizations assigned to KSC, and all program and project offices are responsible for the environmental performance of their organization.

## 6. CANCELLATION/SUPERSESSION

This revision supersedes KNPD 8500.1, Rev. A, KSC Environmental Management.

Original signed by Janet E. Petro  
Director

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