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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

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SUBJECT:

WCDAS EMS Environmental Policy Statement

NOAA/NESDIS provides timely access to global environmental data from satellites and other sources to promote, protect, and enhance the Nation's economy, security, environment, and quality of life. In support of NESDIS, the mission of the Wallops Command & Data Acquisition Station (WCDAS) is to ensure scheduled data flow from NOAA Satellites to designated user subsystems. In conjunction with this mission, personnel working at the WCDAS will conduct activities in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

To promote environmental stewardship and pollution prevention, WCDAS management has implemented an EMS. The WCDAS EMS covers all activities, products, and services that fall under the control of WCDAS management. The scope also includes activities, products, and services of partners and contractors. The EMS Team is committed to continuously improving the effectiveness of environmental management at the facility and protecting and conserving natural resources of the area, as outlined in the following policy statements:

- WCDAS staff will consider effects on the natural environment when executing the WCDAS Mission including implementing steps to improve energy efficiency, conserving fuel and natural resources as practicable;
- WCDAS staff will identify, manage, and periodically review aspects of WCDAS activities and operations that could result in significant impacts on the environment;
- WCDAS staff will comply to the maximum extent possible with relevant federal, state, and local legislation and regulations; Executive Orders; National Aeronautics and Space Administration Wallops Flight Facility tenant policies, and related regulatory requirements;
- WCDAS Management will promote personnel awareness of environmental effects through support for appropriate education and training of staff and contractors and will communicate our environmental policy to our staff, contractors, external stakeholders, and the general public;
- WCDAS Management will monitor environmental performance by conducting periodic evaluations and documenting the results.

