

# FOREWORD



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This report details the accomplishments of the Department of Defense's (DoD's) Environmental Quality Program for Fiscal Year 2001.

During this time of Operation Enduring Freedom, our men and women of the Armed Forces are fighting a war against terrorism that affects not only the citizens of the United States, but also our allies around the world. Our men and women, both military and civilian, have made personal commitments to guard against and eradicate global terrorism. DoD's Environmental Quality Program is committed to ensuring that we fully support our personnel serving in Operation Enduring Freedom—both at home and abroad.

DoD's Environmental Quality Program focuses on three main areas. First, DoD is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment, which is crucial to national power. Without productive clean water, and healthy air, the United States cannot raise, equip, and sustain forces in the field.

Secondly, pollution is inherently wasteful of the limited resources available to our Armed Forces. It is an indication that we are not using our resources efficiently and effectively. Pollution prevention is the cornerstone of DoD's Environmental Quality Program—it ensures that we use our resources in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Third, environmental stewardship reflects the commitment, professionalism, and high ethical standards of our DoD personnel. Americans expect and demand from their public servants, both military and civilian, a deep and abiding commitment to environmental stewardship. DoD is committed to continuing as a leader in environmental stewardship and management within the Federal government, and within local and state jurisdictions.

In all three ways—as a means of assuring America's national power, as a sound management strategy for utilizing resources effectively and efficiently, and as an ethical benchmark—DoD's successful Environmental Quality Program continually contributes to our ability to accomplish our mission of defending American interests both here and abroad.

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