



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

## U.S. EPA Region VII



Environmental protection is the very foundation of our mission and activities. Thus, we should demonstrate through our day-to-day operations that environmental protection is a fundamental component of how we conduct our activities that may have an impact on the environment. The following policy statements reflect, in concert with the Agency's goals, our commitment to lead by example through our Environmental Management System (EMS) and to shape it into one that is recognized as being among the best.

- We will lead by example by ensuring that we ourselves meet and where possible exceed all applicable legal and other requirements related to our environmental aspects.
- We will demonstrate continual improvement in our own environmental performance by actively considering pollution prevention, resource conservation, source reduction and sustainability approaches in our activities.
- We will ensure that our EMS policy and procedures are communicated throughout all levels of the organization.
- We will inform the public concerning our environmental policy, activities and performance as an integral part of the operation of our EMS.

While various statutes, Executive Orders and Agency directives may impose specific environmental requirements in a number of different areas, we recognize that other opportunities for environmental, sustainability and organizational improvement abound. Through our personal attention and example, we, the undersigned, pledge to provide effective leadership by encouraging and considering innovative approaches to meet future challenges, and, through our periodic management reviews to monitor our environmental performance and the specific objectives and targets developed under our EMS.

Signed on January 17, 2012, in the City of Kansas City, Kansas.

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