

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 6 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270

## **Environmental Policy Statement**

The mission of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. In order to accomplish that mission, EPA Region 6 recognizes that it is essential that our agency facilities set an example of environmental stewardship. The employees in the Region 6 Dallas office and its associated facilities are committed to operating an effective Environmental Management System (EMS) as part of an integrated framework for sustainable environmental stewardship. The R6 Dallas EMS is integrated with EPA's mission to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Our EMS will comply with all applicable environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and executive orders. In order to fulfill our mission, the agency's charge will begin with our own employees, and we, therefore, establish the following environmental policy.

With this renewed policy, the Region 6 Dallas office commits to implement an EMS that will utilize best practices to address continuing improvement and prevention of pollution. The employees of this office, as well as those in field offices located in Addison and El Paso, Texas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, commit to the following environmental objectives: *IMPROVE* 

- <u>Initiate</u> programs dedicated to continual improvement. Continuously strive toward improving environmental performance;
- <u>Maintain</u> safe and healthy work and living conditions. Promote employee awareness and involvement regarding environmental performance with all persons working for or on behalf of the Region 6 Dallas, Addison, El Paso and Tulsa offices;
- <u>Prevent</u> pollution. Employ source reduction and pollution prevention approaches whenever practicable. Reduce the use of electricity, gas and water;
- <u>*Reduce*</u> use of non-renewable resources through conservation and alternatives. Establish, track, and review specific environmental objectives and targets;
- <u>Obev</u> all laws, rules and regulations. Ensure a commitment to comply with applicable legal requirements while conducting facility and field operations;
- <u>Volunteer</u> in community activities. Make this Environmental Policy available to the public. Communicate and reinforce our commitment to environmental management with vendors, customers, and other government entities; participate in community events such as safety day, earth day and science fairs;
- <u>Eliminate</u> risks. Consider environmental factors when making planning, purchasing and operating decisions.

The Region 6 Dallas Office will ensure this policy is documented, maintained, implemented, and reviewed for continuing suitability through periodic Management Reviews. We invite interested parties to provide us with input that would help to improve our efforts to promote environmental stewardship.

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