



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

U.S. EPA Region 7



EPA Region 7 is committed to demonstrating the environmental, economic, and social equity principles of sustainability that are foundational to our mission and activities in the day-to-day conduct of our internal operations. In doing so, we will use our Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure that we ourselves meet and where possible exceed, all legal and other requirements related to our environmental aspects, while undertaking visionary initiatives that maximize environmental benefits and model the highest standards of sustainability. Through our personal attention and example, we pledge to provide effective leadership by encouraging and considering innovative approaches to meet future challenges by:

- Working collaboratively with all staff members to establish and achieve robust goals to advance sustainable practices including a better than 85% waste diversion rate at all of our major facilities and to work toward net carbon neutrality for employee commuting and travel;
- Continually improving our environmental performance and our EMS by developing and/or applying “best practice models” for travel management, pollution prevention, and sustainable resources management;
- Being an Agency leader in providing opportunities for direct and indirect partnerships, contracts, and sub-agreements for small businesses, socio-economically disadvantaged businesses, and Minority Academic Institutions;
- Holding ourselves accountable by quantifying progress toward our goals and sharing this information both within our organization and our community; and
- Empowering our staff to make sustainable choices at the office, at home, and in their communities by providing opportunities to learn and participate in the ongoing maturity of our sustainable campus.

Signed on March 24, 2014, in the City of Lenexa, Kansas.

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