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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
Environmental Management Policy Statement**

The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. The agency accomplishes this mission by setting standards for environmental protection, developing regulations to maintain those standards, assisting others in reducing or preventing pollution, conducting research to identify, understand and solve environmental issues and promoting environmental education through information sharing and partnerships.

It is the intent for EPA headquarters to serve as the model for environmental stewardship across the agency, federal government and the broader community. We recognize our obligation and opportunity to provide leadership in protecting the environment, addressing emerging environmental issues, advancing the science and technology of risk assessment and risk management and promoting environmental awareness.

To achieve this objective, the EPA will apply the foundations of its own mission within the internal operations of all headquarters facilities through the implementation of a formal environmental management system.

The EPA-HQ EMS program is thereby committed to the following goals:

- Meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws, regulations, policies and other voluntary commitments;
- Provide a safe and healthy work environment for our employees and ensure all employees are provided adequate resources to be able to actively participate in improving our collective environmental performance;
- Employ source reduction and other pollution prevention approaches whenever practicable;
- Assess the environmental impacts of all activities, products and services and incorporate appropriate mechanisms to protect the natural environment;
- Establish specific environmental performance goals and track and review our performance to ensure continual improvement in how we operate and make decisions; and
- Promote open discussion with stakeholders on ways to reduce our environmental footprint and share information on our environmental performance with the public.

The EPA-HQ EMS policy is intended to provide the framework for improving the environmental performance across all EPA-HQ facilities and has full support of senior management.

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