

Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy

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The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment. The agency accomplishes this mission by setting standards for environmental protection, assisting others in reducing and preventing pollution, conducting research, sharing information, and enforcing environmental standards.

It is a core value of the EPA at The Research Triangle Park (RTP) to serve as a model enterprise for sustainability and environmental stewardship. To accomplish this and to support the Agency's mission, we must properly manage the impacts of our own operations and facilities.

EPA-RTP is the Agency's largest field operation. As such, 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 education.

Our EMS is committed to the following goals:

- Limit our natural resource consumption;
- Incorporate source reduction and pollution prevention into all activities;
- Protect our campus ecosystem, preserve biodiversity, and enhance wildlife habitat;
- Comply with, and where possible exceed, relevant compliance obligations;
- Consider environmental impacts in planning, constructing, and operating facilities;
- Share information about our EMS with interested parties; and
- Strive to continually improve our collective environmental performance.

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