

# Drug Enforcement Administration

## Environmental Stewardship Policy

In support of our mission to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is committed to performing its various activities in a manner that demonstrates leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainability. DEA recognizes that preserving the Nation's natural resources and protecting the environment are objectives that can be aligned with our long term goals of protecting American citizens. DEA is committed to reducing negative impacts to the environment resulting from DEA's operations and mission.

DEA is dedicated to meeting the goals of Executive Orders 13423 and 13514 and complying with all environmental laws and regulations. DEA will strive to improve the management of our Nation's resources through sustained environmental stewardship, energy conservation, pollution prevention, and the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. DEA will accomplish this through a commitment to continual improvement in environmental performance. DEA will implement Environmental Management Systems (EMS) at both the organizational and facility levels as the primary mechanism to achieve our environmental sustainability goals.

All DEA managers, employees, and contractors must incorporate environmental sustainability into their decision-making and day-to-day activities to help protect public land, water, air, natural resources, and energy sources. DEA will integrate environmental sustainability principles into its core mission to the extent feasible by incorporating the following objectives:

- Improving the energy efficiency of buildings, vehicles, travel, employee commuting, and other operational factors in order to reduce GHG emissions;
- Promoting resource conservation by managing water usage, reducing energy consumption, and implementing renewable energy options;
- Integrating environmental impact considerations and environmental management principles into planning, purchasing, operating, and budget decisions;
- Planning, building, and operating high-performance, sustainable buildings;
- Implementing pollution prevention practices through sustainable acquisition, electronic stewardship, recycling, and other waste diversion efforts;
- Purchasing environmentally preferable products wherever feasible;
- Complying with applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and applicable Presidential Executive Orders;
- Continual improvement of environmental performance through the EMS at all applicable DEA facilities by setting goals, taking action, and monitoring performance; and
- Enhance environmental consciousness by communicating our environmental sustainability goals and this policy to all DEA employees and to the American public.

DEA strives to set the example as a leader in environmental sustainability, not only for the Federal law enforcement community, but for the entire Federal government and continually seeks to conserve energy, reduce GHG emissions, and minimize the environmental impact of our operations.



  
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