



DOE Richland Operations Office Environmental Policy

At the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy work place for all staff; and protecting the general public and the environment from unacceptable environmental risks.

In support of this policy, we are committed to:

- Identifying, evaluating, and managing the environmental hazards associated with our work;
- designing and planning work to prevent pollution, minimize waste, conserve resources; properly dispose of or recycle all waste generated;
- complying with all environmental laws and regulations that are relevant for the U.S. Department of Energy;
- sharing information based on experience (e.g., lessons learned) to promote continuous improvement in environmental and regulatory compliance work practices;
- continuously improving our processes, systems, and capabilities so that we can increase the technology based value of products delivered to our customers;
- establishing performance objectives, indicators and targets; conducting self-assessments to collect data and monitor progress; and evaluating data to identify performance strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement; and
- providing staff and the public with timely, accurate, and appropriate information related to our cleanup mission activities.

Five key-risk based performance standards emphasize the Richland Operations Office's commitment to environmentally responsible and sustainable Hanford Closure Project operations:

- Identify and manage hazards and environmental impacts;
- prevent pollution;
- abide by applicable laws and regulatory requirements;
- monitor and continually improve environmental processes; and
- communicate.

All Staff have a role in achieving the policy commitments.

In addition to my annual review of RL's progress on environmental goals and adherence to this policy, I invite all interested parties to provide me with input on our performance relative to this policy, and the policy itself.

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