

NIST ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

NIST has a history of incorporating safe environmental practices and the innovative, collaborative use of environmental technology throughout all aspects of its operations and is committed to protecting human health, natural resources, and the environment. NIST will continue to:

- ◆ Maintain an effective environmental management system; promote the use of safe technologies and operation practices that comply with applicable laws and regulations; and respond immediately to emergencies to minimize adverse impacts on personnel and the environment.
- ◆ Provide sound stewardship of environmental resources through regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments; continually improve environmental performance; and address potential noncompliance.
- ◆ Set environmental goals; measure progress; take corrective action when necessary; and communicate results and environmental accomplishments to NIST management, staff, regulators, and the public.
- ◆ Investigate and evaluate new practices and procedures; implement an effective pollution prevention program; minimize the generation of wastes; reduce and recycle materials; and dispose of wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
- ◆ Ensure the responsible use of energy and water throughout NIST, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and water and improve efficient use.

It is incumbent upon all NIST personnel to fulfill the obligations set forth in this policy statement to the utmost of their abilities within their roles and responsibilities. This policy, as set forth and supported by all members of the Senior Management Board (SMB), will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The SMB will also ensure that these expectations are made clear and available to all NIST personnel.



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