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Comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS)
Implementation Policy**

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 EPA at Research Triangle Park (EPA) to serve as a model enterprise for environmental stewardship. To accomplish this, and to support the Agency's mission, we must properly manage the environmental 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.

We commit to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations and limit our natural resource consumption. Our competitive EMS framework will address the following goals:

- Develop a collaborative EMS that covers the EPA organizations in RTP;
- Comply with relevant environmental laws, regulations and other requirements to which we subscribe;
- Seek to continually reduce the environmental impacts of EPA-RTP activities;
- Consider environmental impacts in planning, constructing and operating facilities;
- Incorporate source reduction and pollution prevention into research activities;
- Establish, track and review environmental performance goals associated with significant environmental improvements;
- Share information about our EMS with interested parties; and
- Strive to continually improve EPA-RTP's collective environmental performance.

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