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## **Environmental Management Systems Policy**

The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Research and Development (ORD) is to perform state-of-the-art research to identify, understand, and solve current and future environmental problems, provide responsive technical support to EPA's mission, integrate the work of ORD's scientific partners, provide leadership in addressing emerging environmental issues, and advance the science and technology of risk assessment and risk management.

ORD continues to encourage and set an example of research and development activities using Environmental Management Systems (EMS) that focus on regulatory compliance, pollution prevention, resource preservation, and public outreach. With this policy, ORD operations at the National Exposure Research Laboratory/Environmental Sciences Division (ESD) pledge to sustain an effective EMS.

ESD is committed to continual improvement, the prevention of pollution, and complying with applicable legal and other requirements that relate to its environmental aspects. The EMS will be used as the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets to reduce the environmental impacts and consumption of natural resources from our facility operations. ESD will consider the environmental impact of its activities during planning, purchasing, and operations and will establish, track, and review specific environmental performance indicators to monitor its impact on the environment.

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