

U. S. Department of Energy
**STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE
PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE**
New Orleans, La.

POLICY

SPRPMO P 451.1B

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE.** The purpose of this Environmental Policy Statement is to confirm the commitment of the Department of Energy (DOE) Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office (SPRPMO) to the goal of environmental protection for all PMO activities, including management and oversight of contractors, and decision-making for concept, design, development, construction, operations, and decommissioning.
2. **POLICY.** It is the policy and practice of the SPRPMO, as an operating unit of DOE, to conduct its operations in an environmentally sound manner. Protection of the environment and protection of the public are responsibilities that are of paramount importance to our facilities and their environmental programs.

The SPRPMO top management establishes the Environmental Management System (EMS) to implement this policy, including the following:

- a. **Regulatory Compliance** with applicable Federal, state, and local environmental legal, regulatory, and other requirements that relate to the environmental aspects of the SPRPMO.
- b. **Pollution Prevention** to undertake appropriate measures to prevent the generation of wastes, and other residual materials requiring disposal or release to the environment through recycling, reuse, and source reduction. Where the generation of such wastes cannot be avoided, the SPRPMO will take actions to reduce their volume and toxicity and ensure proper disposal.
- c. **Continual Improvement** of the EMS and environmental performance, as appropriate, by establishing and maintaining documented environmental objectives and targets.

Our EMS strengthens environmental accountability in the decision-making process and is designed to comply with DOE Order 450.1, Environmental Protection Program; and the principles of the International Organization for Standardization, ISO 14001, *Environmental Management Systems – Specification with Guidance for Use* (2004). The SPRPMO's EMS provides a formal, organized process to plan, perform, assess, and improve environmental performance.

DISTRIBUTION: All SPRPMO Employees

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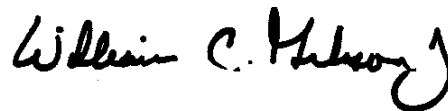
We will communicate this policy to all DOE employees and all other persons working for or on behalf of the DOE at the SPR, make it available to the public, and maintain procedures to receive and respond to inquiries from external interested parties. This policy will be reviewed periodically and revised to reflect changing conditions and information. The policy provides the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.

We will also be an **environmentally responsible neighbor** in the communities where we operate and act quickly and responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment, report them to authorities promptly, and inform everyone who may be affected by them. We will minimize harm to endangered species and their habitats, ecologically sensitive areas, and cultural resources, and will strive to conserve energy and natural resources.

DOE Management and Operating, Construction Management, Architect-Engineering (A&E) and other contractors also share our responsibilities for good environmental management. We expect our contractors to conduct facility operations in an environmentally sound manner that limits the risk to the environment and protects the public health.

We will work cooperatively and openly with the appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies, public stakeholders, and site employees to prevent pollution, ensure environmental compliance, and enhance environmental quality.

It is our goal to design, develop, construct, operate, and maintain facilities and operations in a manner that shall be resource-efficient and will protect the quality of the environment consistent with our mission.



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