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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) protects America's natural resources and heritage, honors our cultures and tribal communities, and supplies the energy to power our future. The Department carries out this mission through the implementation of proactive sustainable and environmental practices.

The Department strives to continuously improve social, economic, and environmental performance through promotion and implementation of sustainable practices and environmental management programs. The Department's Environmental Management System (EMS) is the primary management tool for implementing and monitoring progress on Executive Order 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*; regulatory sustainable practice goals and for addressing potential organizational impediments to successful advancement of the Department's sustainability programs.

The EMS formalizes the management and communication of sustainability, environmental, and other program goals and related operational controls to internal and external stakeholders. The goal of the EMS is to fully integrate sustainability and environmental considerations into the daily operations of the Department's activities at all levels of organizational decision-making.

The Department is committed to managing and reducing the environmental impacts of its activities and operations by:

- Preventing pollution and reducing damage to the natural and human environment including:
 - Conserving U.S. natural and cultural resources
 - Protecting Indian communities
 - Investing in renewable energy
 - Restoring ecosystems impacted by energy and water development
 - Conserving energy and water
 - Understanding and managing our climate change impacts
 - Promoting and implementing sustainable practices including green acquisition, electronic stewardship, and sustainable building construction, operations, and leasing
- Complying with applicable Federal, state, local, tribal laws, regulations, and policies¹

¹ The Secretary is also required, under the American Indian Agricultural Resources Management Act, 25 U.S.C. § 3712, and the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act, 25 U.S.C. § 3108, to comply with tribal laws and ordinances, including environmental laws, concerning management of Indian agricultural and forest lands, to the extent that the tribal law does not violate Federal law. Although not required to do so, the policy of the Department is to accommodate tribal law, again to the extent that it does not violate Federal law.

- Establishing objectives and targets to promote sustainable practices and improving environmental performance throughout the Department. Objectives and targets will be aligned with federally established sustainability and environmental program goals, where appropriate.
- Managing processes, systems, and technology to improve efficiency and productivity
- Measuring and reporting performance and identifying opportunities for continual improvement
- Documenting and communicating the Department's EMS policy to all employees and the public

The Department shall fully implement and maintain an EMS that reflects this policy and is consistent with the requirements of the ISO 14001 international standard for environmental management.



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