

Environmental Protection Agency Internal Environmental Policy Statement

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a statutory body responsible for protecting the environment for the people of Ireland. We regulate and police activities that might otherwise cause pollution. We ensure there is solid information on environmental trends so that necessary actions are taken. Our priorities are protecting the Irish environment and ensuring that development is sustainable.

The Mission Statement of the Environmental Protection Agency is:

'To protect and improve the environment as a valuable asset for the people of Ireland'

We recognise that we occupy a unique position in respect of care for the environment. Consequently we are committed to incorporating good environmental management and practice into our everyday activities. The EPA aims to minimise the environmental impact of our own activities, to achieve continual environmental improvement, to prevent pollution, to encourage environmental awareness within our organisation and to contribute to sustainable development.

The EPA is committed to comply with applicable environmental legal and other requirements that apply to our activities.

A set of clear environmental goals has been set for the organisation with appropriate performance indicators, which will be monitored on an ongoing basis in relation to:

- **waste management**
- **energy use**
- **water use**
- **transport and travel**
- **procurement of goods and services**
- **environmental education and awareness among our staff**

We will communicate our Environmental Policy, plans and performance to staff and we recognise the contribution our staff make towards improving the environmental performance of the EPA.

The board of the EPA has ultimate responsibility for the environmental performance of the organisation. It will ensure that the necessary environmental policies and resources are put in place to minimise the environmental impacts of the organisation.



Laura Burke
Director General

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Date

