

Environmental Excellence Principles

In providing the American people with the electric energy that improves the quality of our lives, we recognize our responsibility to protect the environment. Meeting that responsibility requires commitment and effort.

To generate the electricity that powers our homes, our businesses, and our nation's economy, electric companies must rely on the Earth's natural resources. It is vital to our future that our limited resources be used wisely. Our companies spend thousands of hours and billions of dollars each year to reduce the impact of our operations on air, water, and land resources. We also realize that our commitment to the environment is not limited to what is required by law.

The member companies of the Edison Electric Institute are committed to continuous environmental improvement. That's why we have developed—and endorse—these environmental excellence principles:

- **Environmental Commitment**-Establishing a company-wide commitment to environmental excellence and identifying measurable performance goals that ensure compliance with laws and regulations, protect the environment, and protect the health and safety of our employees, customers, and the public.
- **Improved Performance**-Striving to make continuous improvements in our performance, while managing our ongoing environmental obligations.
- **Pollution Prevention and Resource Conservation**-Making pollution prevention and the conservation of natural resources integral foundations of our companies' business plans.
- **Public Outreach and Reporting**-Fostering open communication with our employees, key stakeholders, and the public on environmental matters and our environmental performance.
- **Stakeholder Dialogue**-Interacting with a broad range of stakeholders—including governmental agencies, regulators, environmental groups, and the public—to develop responsible and equitable laws, regulations, and other commitments that safeguard our communities, workplaces, and the environment.
- **Stewardship**-Protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment for current and future generations by pursuing activities, such as research and investment, that seek to reduce environmental, health, and safety risks.

We will establish and maintain effective environmental management systems to implement these principles.

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