

## **Environmental Protection Agency Internal Environmental Policy Statement**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for protecting and improving the environment as a valuable asset for the people of Ireland. We are committed to protecting people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation and pollution. We play key roles in environmental regulation, provision of knowledge and advocacy for the environment.

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, to limit and adapt to climate change 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 by the Green Team on an on-going basis in relation to:

- **waste management**
- **procurement of goods and services**
- **transport and travel**
- **water use**
- **energy use**
- **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.



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