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

The purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect and restore Ireland's environment. We do this through regulation, scientific knowledge and working with others.

We recognise that we occupy a unique position in respect of care for the environment. We are committed to incorporating exemplary environmental management practices into our everyday activities. We aim to minimise the environmental impact of our own activities to achieve continual environmental improvement, to prevent pollution, to measure and reduce our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, adapt to climate change and encourage environmental awareness within our organisation.

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

We have introduced controls to reduce environmental impact across our activities including;

- waste management
- energy use
- water use
- green public procurement
- transport and travel
- 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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