

Environmental Protection Agency Internal Environmental Policy Statement

The purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect, improve and restore our environment through regulation, scientific knowledge and working with others. Our vision is that we live sustainably in a healthy environment that is valued and protected by all.

Our vision for Ireland is ambitious and reflects the transformation needed so that we all live sustainably, that we have an environment which supports our health and well-being, and that is vibrant and healthy in itself. To achieve this, our natural environment must first be valued and then protected by all and this will require action on the part of Government and every household, business, sector and community. To lead by example, we incorporate 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 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 ensures that the necessary environmental policies and resources are put in place to minimise the environmental impacts of the organisation.



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