

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.

Delivering the EPA's strategic priorities requires transformational change across society and the economy. As an organisation central to safeguarding Ireland's environment, the EPA's intention is to lead by example. In this regard, the EPA incorporates exemplary environmental management practices into our everyday activities. We aim to minimise the environmental impact of our own activities, including our energy use, travel and waste management, to achieve continual environmental improvement, prevent pollution, measure and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to climate change and encourage environmental awareness amongst our people.

The EPA is committed to complying 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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