



Procedure: 436.1B

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. OBJECTIVE. This policy reaffirms the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) commitment to protect and respect the environment through our environment, safety, health and quality (ESH&Q) programs and activities. Environmental protection is accomplished using an Environmental Management System (EMS).
2. CANCELLATION. Policy LM P 436.1a, *Environmental Policy*, dated 02-18-15.
3. APPLICABILITY. This Policy applies to all LM federal employees.
4. REQUIREMENTS. LM will pursue their activities in accordance with
 - DOE Policy 450.4A, *Integrated Safety Management Policy* and DOE Order 450.2, *Integrated Safety Management*, and
 - DOE O 436.1, *Departmental Sustainability*.

It is DOE's policy that work be conducted safely and efficiently and in a manner that ensures protection of workers, the public, and the environment. Safety, which is synonymous with environment, safety, and health (ES&H), should be systematically integrated into management and work practices at all levels, so that missions are accomplished efficiently and sustainably while protecting the workers, the public, and the environment.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. It is the responsibility of all LM personnel to support this environmental policy and contribute to the effectiveness of our EMS.

Management will ensure that this policy and our EMS

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- Are effective,
- Integrated into all processes, and
- Achieve their intended outcomes.

Management will communicate these expectations to all LM personnel, stakeholders, and the public. Management will annually review this policy, ensuring updates as necessary.

6. **POLICY.** LM has diverse strategic goals that support our mission to “fulfill the Department’s post-closure responsibilities and ensure the future protection of human health and the environment.” In support of our mission and goals, proper management of the impacts of our operations and facilities on the environment, now and into the future, is essential.

With this policy, LM is pledging to protect the environment by maintaining and continually improving our EMS. LM will meet its environmental objectives to

- Fulfill all applicable environmental compliance obligations,
- Prevent pollution,
- Protect biodiversity and ecosystems and account for climate change in LM operations and facility activities,
- Continue to make environmental protection, sustainable resource use, safety, and health an integral part of our day-to-day decision-making and long-term planning processes, and
- Seek new ways to improve our environmental performance.

Our EMS is a structured system that ensures LM meets its environmental objectives and helps LM identify areas of improvement. LM’s EMS includes the following components:

- Setting objectives to sustainably continue our environmental stewardship
- Establishing policies and implementing procedures to perform effective long-term surveillance and maintenance (LTS&M), meet or exceed environmental objectives and obligations, adequately control documents, ensure proper training, and communicate with our internal and external stakeholders,
- Tracking and auditing performance, and
- Reviewing our performance and identifying opportunities to do better.

LM evaluates our environmental performance using the following:

- Annual reviews of progress on environmental objectives which are summarized in the LM Site Sustainability Plan,
- Annual EMS Management Reviews,
- Audits by external parties to evaluate our conformance,
- Quarterly review of progress toward meeting performance goals, and
- Quarterly oversight assessments.

7. REFERENCES.

- a. DOE Order 436.1, *Departmental Sustainability*.
- b. DOE Order 450.2, *Integrated Safety Management*.
- c. DOE P 450.4A, *Integrated Safety Management Policy*.
- d. International Organization for Standardization, *Environmental Management Systems – Requirements with Guidance for Use* (ISO 14001:2015).

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