

Our Vision

“A healthy, well-protected and sustainable environment that enhances quality of life.”

Our Mission

To protect the environment and promote sustainability, through innovative environmental management, and impact-oriented policies and regulations, in collaboration with our partners and the broader community.

Our Strategic Priority Areas

1. Secure The Resilience of Abu Dhabi through Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change, and Protection of Our Air and Marine Water.
2. Sustainably Manage Our Groundwater.
3. Empower Optimized Waste Management and Encourage Circular Economy Principles.
4. Ensure The Conservation, Protection, and Enhancement Of Our Rich Biodiversity.
5. Drive Integrated Environmental Policy and Regulation Instruments.
6. Establish Evidence-Based Environmental Enforcement, Rigorous Permitting and Compliance.
7. Leverage Advanced Data Analytics and Lead Environmental R&D and Outreach Activities.

The Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD) is a government body established in 1996, committed to protecting the Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity and enhancing the quality of Abu Dhabi Emirates environment through strategic partnerships with the public and private sectors on both local and international levels. Furthermore, the EAD adopts the best international and local practices, encourages innovation and hard work towards applying preventive measures and effective policies to ensure protecting the environment. The EAD seeks to promote environmental awareness and sustainable development and to ensure the continued inclusion of environmental issues among the most important priorities in the national agenda.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the top management’s commitment to implement all requirement to protect environment at all EAD facilities, sites, and natural resources to provide clear internal direction for environmental policy management. Furthermore, The environmental policy represents EAD’s commitment to pro-actively target no damage to the environment and EAD assets.

Framework

The framework for implementing the environment management system in the Environment Agency Abu Dhabi complies with the international standard ISO 14001:2015. The framework of this policy is based on determining the levels of risks included in the established and approved internal risk assessment methodology.

Scope

This policy applies to all EAD assets and activities at all facilities and sites.

Our Policy and Commitment

We commit to care and implement the following principles:

- Recognizing that environmental accidents that could result of EAD activities can be avoided through effective implementation of the Environmental Management System, which aims to encourage all staff to report any work or activities that do not comply with the standards of the Environmental Management System.
- Extending a “Duty of Care” to environment through the protection of natural resources and applying the best environmental practices leading in environmental sustainability, and the implementation of EAD activities in full accordance with its main tasks and environmental commitment.

- Complying with all local, federal, and international environmental legal requirements to which EAD subscribes to, in order to conserve the environment.
- Highlighting risks related to EAD's activities and setting effective procedures and programs to eliminate them and prevent the environmental incident at all EAD sites.
- Providing a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets and providing adequate resources to meeting those objectives.
- Assigning responsibilities that related to environment management to the employees in order to ensure the effective implementation of the procedures related to environment protection and conservation.
- Raising the efficiency of cadres and capacity building by providing specialized training , drills and awareness programs in aspects related to the environmental management system.
- Promoting level of awareness of employees, contractors, visitors, and stakeholders through providing environmental awareness programs that participate to preserve the environment at EAD facilities and external sites.
- Ensuring consultation and participation of EAD workers and contractors in regard to environmental aspects.
- Documenting, implementing, periodically reviewing and continually improving our Integrated Management System in a nature that is appropriate to the scale and impact of EAD activities.
- Participating and disseminating this policy to all employees and stakeholders through various available channels, and reviewing it periodically through management review process.



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