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## SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) protects and manages the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors the Nation's trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities. The Department is committed to carrying out this mission while implementing proactive sustainable and environmental practices. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Department has the necessary systems, processes, and objectives in place to protect the environment, fulfill its compliance obligations, improve environmental performance, and address climate change.

The Department strives to continuously improve social, economic, and environmental performance through promotion and implementation of sustainable practices and environmental management programs. The Department's Environmental Management System (EMS) is the strategic process for implementing and monitoring progress on directives and goals of sustainability and environmental Executive Orders, statutes, regulations, and other related requirements. The EMS continual improvement process fosters innovation and increases efficient use of resources to make our agency more resilient and to strengthen the communities in which we operate.

The Department is committed to:

- Preventing pollution and integrating sustainability into operations, policies, and programs by:
  - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
  - Conserving energy and water
  - Promoting clean and renewable energy
  - Improving fleet and vehicle efficiency
  - Improving building efficiency and performance
  - Promoting sustainable acquisition and procurement
  - Advancing waste prevention and waste diversion
  - Promoting electronic stewardship
  - Supporting Federal facility climate change preparedness and resilience
- Fulfilling applicable compliance obligations
- Establishing objectives and targets that align with federally established sustainability program goals

The Department shall implement and maintain an EMS that reflects this policy and is consistent with the requirements of the ISO 14001 international standard for environmental management systems.

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