

United States International Boundary and Water Commission
Environmental Policy
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In compliance with Presidential Executive Order 13423 Sec. 3 (b) signed January 24, 2007. The head of each agency shall implement, within the agency, environmental management systems (EMS) at all appropriate organizational levels to ensure: (i) use of EMS as the primary management approach for addressing environmental aspects of internal agency operations and activities, including environmental aspects of energy and transportation functions, (ii) establishment of agency objectives and targets to ensure implementation of this order, and (iii) collection, analysis, and reporting of information to measure performance in the implementation of this order.

Further, the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is entrusted with applying the rights and obligations that the United States and Mexico assume under numerous boundary and water related treaties. This shall be in a way that benefits the social and economic welfare of the people on both sides of the boundary and improves relations between the two countries. As such, the USIBWC is committed to the protection of natural, cultural and historical resources; preventing pollution; and meeting applicable environmental laws, regulations and other pertinent requirements.

The USIBWC will continue to integrate responsible environmental practices into its operations by establishing goals, measuring progress, and reporting performance through a comprehensive environmental management system. When feasible the USIBWC will demonstrate its commitment to this policy as follows:

- Regulatory Compliance – meet all applicable EMS regulatory requirements.
- Prevention of Pollution – identify and prevent or minimize pollution in all areas attributed to USIBWC operations.
- Continual Improvement – demonstrate continual improvement by actively considering pollution prevention, resource conservation, source reduction and sustainability approaches in our activities.

Where possible, the USIBWC will factor environmental considerations into decisions; it will inform and train employees on environmental responsibilities, use effective environmental processes, and build environmental accountability in the optimum performance of its activities. The USIBWC will coordinate with its consultants, contractors, suppliers, and partners in meeting the agency's environmental priorities and will provide specific guidance in the achievement of environmental requirements and policies.



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