

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT
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The Social Security Administration (SSA) touches the lives of virtually every person in America. We run one of the nation's largest entitlement programs, including retirement, disability, and the Supplemental Security Income program, which provides financial support for aged, blind, and disabled adults and children with limited resources. While fulfilling our mission to provide economic security, we will continue our history of promoting a clean energy economy, environmental leadership, and sustainability. We will work cooperatively with other Federal, state, county, and local governments to promote sound environmental management practices, while providing a safe and healthy work environment for our employees.

We are pleased to publish this Environmental Policy Statement as part of our Strategic Sustainability Plan. To support and manage our environmental policies and programs, we have in place an organizational Environmental Management System, (EMS). Our EMS program provides our agency with a structured, systematic approach for managing environmental and regulatory responsibilities to continuously improve overall environmental stewardship.

To promote environmental stewardship, SSA officials will:

- Comply with all environmental and energy related statutes, Executive Orders, and any applicable Federal, state, and local regulations.
- Consider environmental aspects when making planning, purchasing, operating, and budgetary decisions.
- Continue our employee awareness campaign to educate and encourage employees to reduce energy consumption and water usage, reduce the amount of waste produced, and promote re-use and recycling whenever possible.
- Implement power management technologies on information technology equipment agency-wide to further reduce energy.
- Continue improving environmental stewardship and pollution prevention by setting environmental goals, measuring progress, taking corrective action, when necessary, and communicating the results.
- Consider climate change and adaptation in our agency operations.
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout the agency.

We are pleased to promote environmental leadership and sustainability at SSA.



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