

Environmental Policy

1. Basic Principle

The 21st century is said to be a century of environmental protection. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to realize a society capable of sustainable development through creation of a recycling-oriented, socioeconomic system with less impact on the environment. The general public, business, and the government of the prefecture must join forces in protecting the environment.

In this context, Aichi Prefecture must promote further measures to protect and restore the environment. Moreover, as one of Japan's main centers of economic activity, Aichi Prefecture must take a leading role in incorporating environmental considerations into its business activities.

To this end, Aichi Prefecture will be introducing an environmental management system that conforms to the international environmental management standard ISO 14001, and will make efforts to continuously reduce the environmental impact resulting from its business activities, including public works. Through these endeavors, Aichi Prefecture aims to realize the "Aichi-Environmental Society," a society capable of sustainable development.

2. Basic Policy

Based on the above Principle, the Prefecture's Basic Policy is defined hereafter:

- 1) In keeping with the Basic Environmental Plan for Aichi Prefecture, the Prefecture promotes projects that protect the environment.
- 2) For business activities that have an impact on the environment (office activities, general projects, and public works), the Prefecture endeavors to promote the following:
 - Conservation of natural resources and energy
 - Procurement of environment-friendly materials and commodities
 - Reduction of waste discharge
 - Promotion of waste reuse
- 3) The Prefecture will comply with all laws and regulations concerning the environment. Furthermore, the Prefecture will take preventive action against environmental pollution.
- 4) The Prefecture will endeavor to raise awareness of its employees on environmental protection, to incorporate environmental consideration as a basis of their actions.

The Prefecture will endeavor to continuously improve the achievement of the Basic Policy through establishing environmental objectives and targets, and conducting periodic reviews.

The Prefecture will make this environmental policy known to all its employees, and will formally announce it to the public.

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