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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
POLICY 501.01

Title: Environmental Policy

Statement:
The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is the State's largest public works agency. Our activities affect the environment through land use, natural resource consumption, and transportation corridor redevelopment and maintenance activities. The Department will seek to minimize environmental impacts whenever practicable when planning, constructing, and maintaining the state's transportation infrastructure, and when providing for public safety and the economic strength of the state. We will do this by operating in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, by utilizing best management practices in all of our activities in an effort to prevent pollution, and by promoting environmental stewardship in our programs. We are committed to continuously improving our environmental performance through regular activity reviews, and by bringing forward improvements that merit implementation for reducing or eliminating negative environmental impacts.

Comments: To support the performance of our undertakings in an environmentally responsible manner, the Department will:

- Develop, implement and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) that encompasses Department program functions and complies with the requirements of the International Standard Organization's ISO 14001: 2004 standard for environmental management systems;
- Utilize the EMS, with support and guidance from the Office of Stewardship & Compliance, to set objectives and targets for process improvements that can be measured and regularly monitored, and contribute to pollution prevention and protection of the state's natural resources;
- Minimize Department-generated waste by reducing, reusing, or recycling materials, and using environmentally friendly materials and products whenever practicable;
- Communicate our commitment to this policy to our employees, consultants, contractors, and other interested parties;
- Provide employees with training appropriate to their functions concerning the Department's environmental responsibilities, through the new-employee orientation process and periodic refresher training;
- Utilize an appropriate proactive public stakeholder involvement process to address environmental concerns and facilitate problem solving in a collaborative manner; and
- Make this environmental policy available to the public and all interested parties.

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Commissioner