



Environmental

Policy Document

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IPS Environmental policy

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1. Aim of this policy

- 1.1 To achieve the highest environmental standards across our operations and to conform to relevant Irish and European legislation within the context of our unique working environment.

2. Purpose of this policy

- 2.1 To set a clear direction for the organisation to follow as part of a demonstrable commitment to continuous environmental improvements.
- 2.2 To set out our policy statement for display (Appendix I)

3. Scope of this policy

This policy is applicable to all those to whom the Irish Prison Service owes a duty of care e.g. staff, prisoners, visitors and contractors.

4. Procedures for implementation

4.1 Mechanisms for implementation of this policy will include the:

- 4.1.1 Prominent display of this policy at each location;
- 4.1.2 Displaying of Information relating to this policy on LCD screens at location's;
- 4.1.3 Communication of Information to staff via dedicated training courses, manuals and standards.
- 4.1.4 Monitoring of compliance by the Environmental Subgroup who will furnish reports to the IPS Compliance Executive with quarterly reports.
- 4.1.5 Review of the policy by the IPS Compliance Executive by the end of February 2015.

4.2 The IPS commits to a continual improvement of environmental performance and we will:

- 4.2.1 Ensure that "sustainability" is incorporated as an integral element in the planning of relevant developments and activities.
- 4.2.2 Assess and monitor the impact of current activities on the local environment and examine any significant impacts.
- 4.2.3 Take measures to prevent or eliminate pollution and, where this is not feasible, reduce pollution emissions and waste generation to the minimum
- 4.2.4 Conserve resources, where feasible, taking account of possible clean technologies.
- 4.2.5 Take a pro-active approach with respect to efficient energy usage.
- 4.2.6 Take measures to prevent accidental emissions of materials or energy.
- 4.2.7 Establish and apply monitoring procedures to check compliance with the environmental policy.
- 4.2.8 Establish and update procedures and actions to be pursued in the event of detection of non-compliance with the environmental policy objectives or targets.
- 4.2.9 Ensure co-operation with Public Authorities to establish and update contingency procedures to minimise the impact of any accidental discharges to the environment.

- 4.2.10 Assess in advance the potential environmental impact of all new significant activities including buildings and processes.
- 4.2.11 Foster a sense of environmental responsibility amongst employees at all levels.
- 4.2.12 Foster a sense of environmental responsibility amongst inmates.
- 4.2.13 Provide relevant training on environmental issues.
- 4.2.14 Minimise waste by waste avoidance, recycling and reuse.
- 4.2.15 Provide the necessary information to the public to enable them to understand any potential environmental impacts from the Prison Service activities and pursue an open dialogue with the public, with respect to environmental matters.
- 4.2.16 Ensure that contractors working for the Prison Service apply the same environmental standards as the Prison Service.

5. Related policies /standards

IPS Waste Management Guidelines. November 2014

6. Definitions

IPS – Irish Prison Service

APPENDICES

Appendix I - Sample policy statement for display

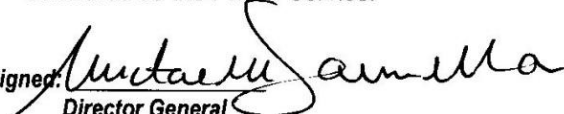
APPENDIX I

Sample policy statement for display – *unsigned version* (Issue No.3 - 2012)

IRISH PRISON SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Management and staff of the Irish Prison Service and its Prisons and Centers, are committed to the care of the environment and the prevention of pollution. With respect to Environmental Protection, it is the policy of the Irish Prison Service to:

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements regarding the environment
- Commit to continual improvement of environmental performance.
- Ensure that “sustainability” is incorporated as an integral element in the planning of relevant developments and activities.
- Assess and monitor the impact of current activities on the local environment and examine any significant impacts.
- Take measures to prevent or eliminate pollution and, where this is not feasible, reduce pollution emissions and waste generation to the minimum
- Conserve resources, where feasible, taking account of possible clean technologies.
- Take a pro-active approach with respect to efficient energy usage.
- Take measures to prevent accidental emissions of materials or energy.
- Establish and apply monitoring procedures to check compliance with the environmental policy.
- Establish and update procedures and actions to be pursued in the event of detection of non-compliance with the environmental policy objectives or targets.
- Ensure co-operation with Public Authorities to establish and update contingency procedures to minimise the impact of any accidental discharges to the environment.
- Assess in advance the potential environmental impact of all new significant activities including buildings and processes.
- Foster a sense of environmental responsibility amongst employees at all levels.
- Foster a sense of environmental responsibility amongst inmates.
- Provide relevant training on environmental issues.
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- Provide the necessary information to the public to enable them to understand any potential environmental impacts from the Prison Service activities and pursue an open dialogue with the public, with respect to environmental matters.
- Ensure that contractors working for the Prison Service apply the same environmental standards as the Prison Service.

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