

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICY

UTA.01.19

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

1) Purpose

This Utah Transit Authority (UTA) policy is intended to affirm UTA's commitment to conduct its operations in a manner that is environmentally responsible and befitting of a good community neighbor and citizen and protects the environment as required by law and to otherwise meet environmental objectives, encourage employees to be environmentally conscious, and develop procedures and identify employee responsibilities to meet that commitment.

2) Definitions

“Corrective Action Plan (CAP)” is a detailed set of steps designed to address and rectify a detected environmental noncompliance issue by identifying its root cause, implementing solutions to correct the problem, and taking preventive measures to ensure it doesn't occur again.

“Environmental Protection” includes programs and services that are aimed at protecting human health and the environment, Pollution Prevention, and reducing risk to and protecting the natural environment.

“Environmental Standards” are laws, administrative regulations, rules, or practices implemented for Environmental Protection.

“Pollution Prevention” is the strategy that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source.

3) Policy

UTA provides multi-modal public transit services that greatly improve the quality of the environment in the communities it serves. UTA is committed to Environmental Protection and constructing its projects, and operating and maintaining its facilities and vehicles, in a manner consistent with state and federal laws and regulations and in a manner that protects human health and the environment and, at the same time, delivers quality public transit services. Employees at all levels must take very seriously and make every effort both to prevent violations of Environmental Standards from occurring and to report promptly to Environmental Services and promptly correct any that do occur despite our best efforts. All employees are required to comply with, and cooperate fully in UTA's implementation of, this Environmental Protection Policy. Employees who fail to comply with this policy are subject to discipline, including possible termination of employment with UTA. In furtherance of this policy, UTA is committed to Environmental Protection and:

- A. Complying with all Environmental Standards and implementation of programs and procedures to ensure such compliance;
- B. Anticipating and controlling environmental risks by utilizing safe technologies compliant with UTA's obligations under UTA's Information Security policy and operating procedures, and being prepared for emergencies;

- C. Identifying, tracking, and communicating emerging environmental regulations and best practices;
 - D. Continuously updating our workforce on new requirements, technologies (compliant with UTA's obligations under UTA's Information Security policy), and opportunities for Environmental Protection and sustainable improvement through strategic partnerships with regulatory agencies, industry experts, and environmental consultants;
 - E. Supporting the development and promotion of, and compliance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) that are designed to protect human health and the environment;
 - F. Promoting a workplace in which all employees are properly trained to comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and procedures, to meet environmental program goals and to take personal responsibility for protecting the environment;
 - G. In cases where service unit noncompliance is identified and not resolved in the established timeline through a CAP, escalating the noncompliance to executive leadership for resolution;
 - H. Ensuring the integration of Environmental Protection into business planning and decisions, including design, construction, and operation of UTA facilities and services;
 - I. Striving to be a leader in improving environmental quality by minimizing waste and emissions, reusing and recycling, reducing the use of natural resources and promoting Pollution Prevention efforts throughout UTA;
 - J. Reviewing environmental SOPs and practices at least every two years, to ensure that they provide effective solutions for the problems they are designed to prevent or correct;
 - K. Recognizing and encouraging citizen awareness and involvement in UTA's efforts to protect the environment; and
 - L. Considering alternative solutions to environmental problems to ensure that the most efficient and effective solution is implemented.
- 4) Review
This policy will be reviewed triennially.
- 5) Cross-References
- UTA.01.09 Sustainability
 - UTA.01.20 Information Security

This UTA Policy was reviewed by UTA's Chief Capital Services Officer on 03/03/2026, and approved by the Executive Director on _____. This policy takes effect on the latter date.

Jay Fox
Executive Director

Approved as to form and content:

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