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# WATER AND LIQUID WASTE SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



# Metro Vancouver's water and liquid waste utilities are doing their part to improve the environmental health and resiliency of the region.

### **Taking Action**

Metro Vancouver's water and liquid waste utilities will take key actions to meet environmental commitments.

We will:

- Manage environmental risks and comply with regulations
- Set goals to improve our environmental performance and track how well we're doing
- Keep reducing our environmental risks through our programs and practices
- Use what we know about environmental impacts to plan for and manage infrastructure and operations
- Ensure everyone working for Metro Vancouver knows about this policy

Metro Vancouver commits to:



Protecting human health and the environment



Complying with regulations



Improving environmental performance



Reducing pollution, waste and greenhouse gases

#### Reducing Environmental Risks

Environmental risks are the things that can potentially harm our environment. They include everything from the energy we use, the waste we produce, to what we put into our air, land, and water. This policy commits Metro Vancouver's utilities to look at all parts of our work to see how we can reduce our impact.

#### What is an Environmental Management System?

An environmental management system is a framework that helps an organization achieve its environmental goals by consistently reviewing, evaluating and improving its environmental performance.