




METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

# Environmental Management Policy

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**POLICY STATEMENT**


MARTA is committed to preserving and improving the environmental well-being of the community; providing a safe and healthful workplace; and enhancing the overall quality of life of the people living in the region. This is accomplished by:

- **Setting Environmental Objectives:** MARTA periodically reviews activities, products, and services and environmental performance objectives. MARTA works toward meeting those objectives and evaluating improvement through monitored performance.
- **Protection of the Environment through Prevention of Pollution:** MARTA uses cost-effective business practices and products to avoid, reduce, or control the creation or discharge of any type of pollutant or waste, in order to reduce adverse environmental impacts.
- **Meeting Environmental Compliance Obligations:** MARTA is committed to meeting or exceeding all environmental regulations, ordinances, and permits, issued by Federal, State, and Local regulatory agencies. MARTA complies with additional requirements and standards promulgated by transit organizations.
- **Continual Improvement:** MARTA is committed to enhancing environmental performance through continual improvement of the Environmental Management System.

**PURPOSE**

The Environmental Management Policy is Authority-wide and applies to MARTA employees and contractors. It shall guide the development of the ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System program and other environmental programs under the stewardship of the Department of Safety and Quality Assurance.

In accordance with the MARTA System Safety Program Plan and the Environmental Management System Program Plan, MARTA will establish and maintain comprehensive

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environmental management programs and systems that ensure full compliance with all applicable federal, state, local environmental laws and regulations.

MARTA is dedicated to making pollution prevention, environmental protection and stewardship; sustainable development; and resource conservation major considerations in locating, designing, constructing, and operating MARTA facilities.

The environmental performance objectives are achieved by:

- Incorporating environmental management considerations into phases of design, construction, and operations.
- Identifying compliance issues associated with the MARTA system providing a way for subsequent elimination, control, or minimization to an acceptable level.
- Instilling an environmental-friendly philosophy throughout MARTA that emphasizes pollution prevention, compliant work practices, and spill prevention.
- Establishing and maintaining written policies, procedures, and rules to ensure compliance with environmental regulatory requirements and other requirements, such as the ISO 14001:2015 Standard, to which MARTA subscribes.
- Developing environmental targets and objectives for chosen environmental aspects, and, reviewing impacts annually, at a minimum, with the EMS team and facility stakeholders included in the scope of EMS.

This policy is communicated to MARTA employees and contractors, as well as the public, through MARTA's internal website and the external website at [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com).

**Revisions**

This policy replaces the previous version of the Environmental Policy ED-4-2-1 and will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary.