

**USIBWC
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
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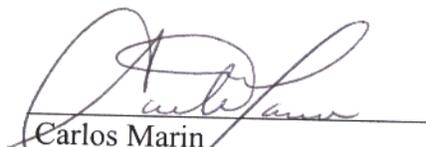
The International Boundary and Water Commission is entrusted with applying the rights and obligations which the Governments of the United States and Mexico assume under the numerous boundary and water treaties and related agreements, and to do so in a way that benefits the social and economic welfare of the people on either side of the boundary, and to improve relations between two countries. As such, the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is committed to the protection of natural, cultural and historical resources, pollution prevention and meeting applicable legal, regulatory, and other pertinent requirements. The USIBWC will continually improve the environmental performance of its operations.

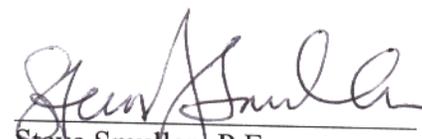
The USIBWC will integrate responsible environmental practices into its operations by establishing goals, measuring progress, and reporting performance through a comprehensive environmental management system. The USIBWC will demonstrate its commitment to this policy through:

- Regulatory Compliance – Will meet all applicable regulatory requirements.
- Prevention of Pollution – Will identify and prevent or minimize pollution in all areas attributed to USIBWC operations, wherever feasible.
- Continual Improvement – Will continue to seek out ways to improve USIBWC environmental performance using this policy as the basis upon which the objectives and targets are set.

The USIBWC will factor environmental considerations into its decisions, it will inform and train employees on their environmental responsibilities, expect them to use effective environmental processes, and will build environmental accountability in the optimum performance of our activities. The USIBWC will coordinate with its consultants, contractors, suppliers, and partners in meeting the agency's environmental priorities, and will provide specific guidance in the achievement of environmental requirements and policies.

The policy will be conveyed to all USIBWC personnel, the public, and any other interested parties.


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