USC EHS Environmental, Occupational, Health and Safety Policy Statements

Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) functions as an administrative department in the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety that supports the overall University Environmental Policy. EH&S will also support the overall University Safety Policy which integrates all the University resources to ensure safety and sustainability for the future. We are committed to reinforce the responsibility of the University to promote the safety of the people who live and work at the University and protect the resources that are necessary to operate the University campuses.

The EHS department will maintain an integrated environmental management system (EMS) that adheres to the ISO 14001 standard and an occupational health & safety management System (OHSAS) program in accord with the OHSAS 18001 standard for its personnel.

SCOPE:
Oversight of Environmental Health and Safety Regulatory Compliance and other University Health and Safety Services.

EHS Environmental Policy:

The EHS department is committed to:

1. Manage environmental matters as an integral part of the daily activities and services we provide to the University community.
2. Prevent pollution and conserve resources through waste reduction, recycling, and minimization of the consumption of fuel, energy and water to minimize negative impacts of EHS on the environment.
3. Make continual improvement to the environmental management system (EMS).
4. Conduct all activities in compliance with applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the EHS Department subscribes that relates to its environmental aspects.
5. Execute the Environmental Management System (EMS) as a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets, which will be documented, implemented, and maintained.
6. Communicate this policy to all persons working for or on the behalf of EH&S and make it available to employees, interested parties, and the public.
EHS Occupational Health & Safety Policy Statement

The EHS department realizes that one of its greatest assets is the team members who perform the duties of the Environmental Health & Safety programs. The management of risks is vital to a productive work force and is the responsibility of everyone.

The EHS department is committed to:

1. Manage the potential risks associated with the duties assigned to each EHS employee or those who work on their behalf.
2. Prevent injury and ill health to the EHS employees through hazard identification, risk assessment, and risk control.
3. Make continual improvements to the occupational health and safety management system (OHSAS).
4. Comply with applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the EHS Department subscribes that relates to any applicable occupational health & safety legislation for its employees.
5. Execute OHSAS as a framework for setting and reviewing health & safety objectives and targets, which will be documented, implemented, and maintained.
6. Communicate this policy and promote awareness of each individual’s occupational health obligations to all persons working for or on the behalf of EHS and make it public to interested parties.
7. Periodically review the program to ensure that the OSHAS system remain relevant and appropriate to our organization.