



## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT OF** **GEO CHEM MIDDLE EAST**

**The GEO CHEM GROUP values the fundamental interrelationship between environment and the human health. It is, therefore, a core value of the company to preserve and protect the environment. This will be proactively demonstrated by our commitment to continually improve the Company's environmental stewardship through resource conservation, pollution prevention and sustainable development of facilities and programs.**

### ***Purpose:***

This policy establishes general goals and guiding principles for a commitment to environmental responsibility. Through implementation of this policy, the Geo Chem group will strive to be a leader in the advancement of environmental stewardship within our programs, facilities, and the community.

### ***Policy:***

The Geo Chem mission is to reduce the burden of environmentally associated disease and dysfunction by defining how environmental exposures affect our health, how individuals differ in their susceptibility to these exposures, and how these susceptibilities change over time. In keeping with this mission and to preserve the rights of future generations, the company affirms its commitment to environmental excellence and actively promotes the public's right to a healthy, quality environment. Geo Chem is committed to continual improvement in environmental compliance and pollution prevention through the implementation of an Environmental Management System that strives to integrate environmental responsibility at all levels and in the conduct of all the company's programs.

### ***General Goals and Guiding Principles***

**A. Compliance with Environmental Requirements:** Geo Chem is committed to complying with all applicable Federal, state and local environmental laws, statutes, regulations, and other environmental requirements. Where existing laws and regulations are not adequate to ensure

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protection of public health or the environment, we will establish and meet our own environmental quality standards.

**B. *Healthy Built Environment:*** Geo Chem will seek to integrate the development and operation of campus infrastructure, grounds and buildings with the natural environment in ways that promote and encourage public health, employee wellness, and quality of work-life.

**C. *Pollution Prevention:*** Geo Chem will minimize solid waste generation and the potential release of pollutants into the environment first through source reduction, secondarily through reuse and recycling, and finally through treatment and disposal.

**D. *Minimize Hazardous Waste and Toxic Materials:*** Geo Chem will actively strive to minimize the generation of hazardous wastes. The company will maintain policies and processes for the safe and efficient use, tracking, storage, and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials.

**E. *Commitment to Environmental Education and Awareness:*** Geo Chem recognizes the value of on-going education and awareness of all employees and on-site Employees concerning the importance of environmental responsibility in all phases of Company's operations. Further, the Company is committed to provide relevant and accurate information on Geo Chem's environmental performance to the public.

**F. *Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Decisions:*** Geo Chem recognizes that environmental responsibility can be exercised through its purchasing choices. Accordingly, the Company will strive to obtain the "best value" by balancing short and long-term costs, including consideration of the environmental, life cycle, and maintenance costs in purchasing products and services.

**F. *Efficient Use and Conservation of Energy, Water, and Other Resources:*** Geo Chem will strive to reduce resource consumption by eliminating wasteful practices and promoting efficient use, and by evaluating and implementing feasible and practical conservation measures in existing buildings, renovations, and new construction.

#### ***Implementation and Review:***

The, Health, Safety and Environmental Department shall be responsible for administering and monitoring this policy through implementation of an Environmental Management System that

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strives for continual improvement of Geo Chem's environmental management programs. All Geo Chem employees are expected to support the Institute's effort to meet the goals of this policy and are encouraged to offer comments and suggestions for improvement. The HSE Department will coordinate an annual review of this policy statement and develop recommendations for improvements and updates as needed. Changes to this policy will be communicated and made available to all employees and to those working on behalf of the Company.



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