



Environmental, Health & Safety Policy

Duke Energy highly values the health and safety of our employees, customers and communities. This Environmental, Health & Safety Policy establishes principles to protect and advance the corporation's essential interests worldwide and to fulfill our commitment to people and the environment. Protecting and responsibly managing natural resources are critical to the quality of life in the areas we serve, the environment and Duke Energy's long-term business success.

Our Principles

Accountability

Leadership is accountable for systematically managing environmental, health & safety (EHS) risks, opportunities and impacts as an integral part of our business. Employees are accountable for understanding and incorporating environmental, health & safety responsibilities into daily work activities. Suppliers, contractors and partners are accountable for meeting applicable EHS requirements.

Stewardship

Duke Energy will use natural resources and energy efficiently to reduce waste and emissions at their source. We will strive to improve operations with a focus on preventing environmental and safety incidents and preserving public safety. Duke Energy will engage in partnerships that enhance public environmental, health & safety awareness and address common EHS issues.

Standards

All business units will comply with internal standards and applicable laws and regulations. Strategic relationships will be developed to promote sound public policy.

Performance

Duke Energy will set challenging goals and assess performance to continually improve environmental, health & safety results that contribute to business success. We will work with our suppliers, contractors and partners to enhance environmental, health & safety performance.

Communication

Duke Energy will foster open dialogue and informed decision making through meaningful and regular communication of EHS information with management, employees and the public.

DUKE ENERGY EHS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

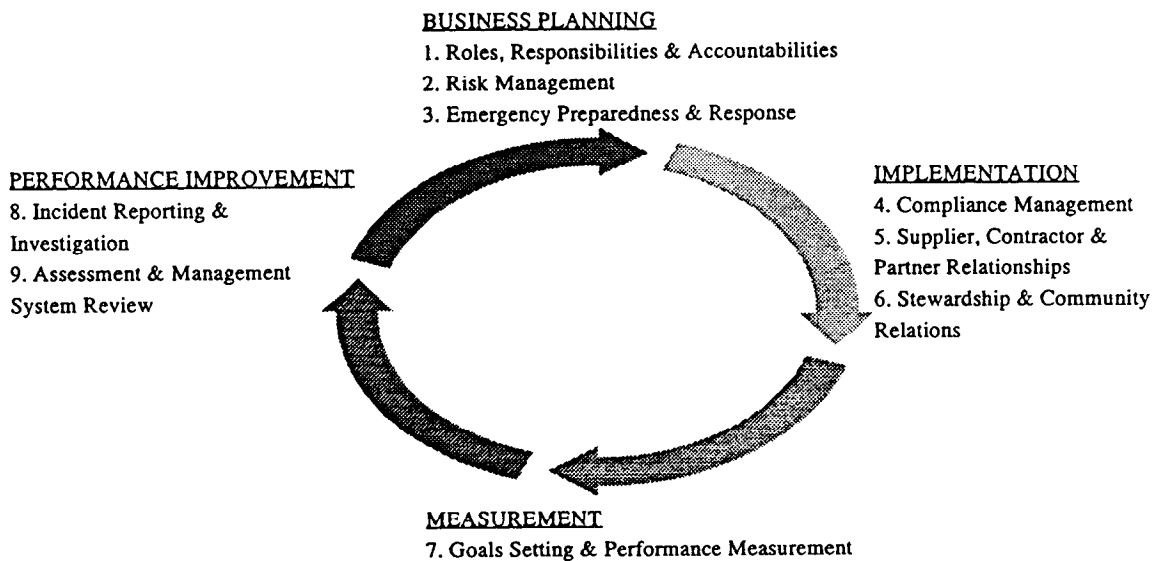
Our values, commitment and expectations . . .

Duke Energy's culture includes being stewards of our communities and the environment and accountable for safety. The Duke Energy Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Policy clearly articulates our high values for the health and safety of our employees, customers and communities and our commitment to protect and responsibly manage natural resources. This Duke Energy Environmental, Health & Safety Management System establishes standards to direct business units in implementing the Environmental, Health & Safety Policy.

Systematically manage EHS . . .

A management system is a common framework connecting business planning, implementation, measurement and performance improvement. The Duke Energy Environmental, Health & Safety Management System guides business units worldwide in systematically managing EHS risks, opportunities and impacts.

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Within the Environmental Health & Safety Management System, nine elements organize related standards focusing on results while providing flexibility in how EHS is managed. Business units are encouraged to integrate EHS standards with other existing systems. Each business unit can have its own systematic approach to comply with these standards. However accomplished, the corporation expects the Duke Energy EHS Policy and Standards will be effectively implemented to protect and advance essential corporate interests.