

BLUE RIDGE PAPER PRODUCTS INC.

Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) Policy

Blue Ridge Paper Products, Inc. (Blue Ridge) is committed to protecting the environment and the health and safety of its employees, customers and the citizens of communities where the Company operates. Accordingly, Blue Ridge is committed to:

- At a minimum, compliance with all applicable environment, health and safety (EH&S) laws and regulations, and to the principles and sound practices of sustainable forestry as well as to any voluntary commitments. The company will strive to achieve EH&S performance beyond levels established by legal requirements whenever feasible
- Reducing workplace accidents and injuries and otherwise preserving and protecting the health and safety of its employees
- Reducing releases to air, water and land; pollution prevention; the efficient use of natural resources and energy conservation
- Continual improvement of our environmental performance, including periodic review of progress towards established environmental objectives
- Developing good working relationships with regulators and members of the communities in which we operate and engaging in ongoing, open communications with our stakeholders

Blue Ridge Paper Products, Inc. management is committed to effectively implementing this EH&S Policy. Required resources shall be dedicated to its implementation. Related programs shall be evaluated periodically to ensure their suitability and effectiveness. All employees shall be held accountable for contributing to the Policy's implementation.

This policy statement shall be communicated to all employees and shall be available to the public on request. If there are any questions, comments or improvement suggestions please contact the Blue Ridge Paper Products Corporate Department of Environmental, Health and Safety Affairs at (828) 646-2033.

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