



KENYA WATER INSTITUTE (KEWI) ENVIRONMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Kenya Water Institute is a public institution established by KEWI Act 2001 with the responsibility of providing Human Resource Development, Applied Water Research, Outreach and Consultancy Services for the Water Sector.

VISION: To be a World Class Centre of Excellence in Training, Research and Consultancy in the Water, Sanitation, Irrigation and Related Sectors.

MISSION: To Offer First Class Training, Research, Consultancy and Outreach Services In the Water, Sanitation, Irrigation and Related Sectors for Sustainable Development.

MOTTO: Fountain of Water Knowledge.

ENVIRONMENT POLICY MISSION STATEMENT

KEWI recognizes that our operations have an effect on the environment.

KEWI believes that we have a responsibility to care for and protect the environment in which we operate.

KEWI commits to integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making and activities.

KEWI commits to provide quality Training, Research and Consultancy in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees and students and minimize our potential impact on the environment.

KEWI recognizes our key impacts to be in the areas of:

- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Energy use
- ✓ Raw material use
- ✓ Waste generation and management
- ✓ Water use

POLICY AIMS

WE WILL STRIVE TO;

1. Comply with legal requirements and voluntary commitments

Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

We shall comply with applicable laws, regulations, and voluntary commitments, and shall implement programs and procedures and offer quality products and services that ensure this compliance.

2. Prevent pollution

We shall strive to be a leader in improving environmental quality, by minimizing waste, reusing and recycling, and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable, and promoting pollution prevention efforts throughout the institute.

We will use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources to meet our needs. We will invest in improved energy efficiency of products we use

We will minimize waste and we will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods.

3. Reduce risk

We will employ management systems and procedures to minimize risk and protect our employees, students and the community from activities and/or conditions that pose a threat to human health, safety, or the environment in which we operate including being prepared for emergencies.

We will establish and meet our own Health Safety & Environment quality standards where appropriate.

We will identify opportunities for risk reduction in the activities and programs offered, the supplies procured, the products produced, and the disposal of waste products.

4. Use resources sustainably

We will use resources, such as water and energy in an environmentally sensitive manner

We shall promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout our facility including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable,

We will manage scarce resources through the adoption of a sustainable procurement policy.

5. Communicate our environmental policy

We shall publicize our environmental position.

We shall communicate our environment policy to staff and students through relevant and varied channels including newsletters; posters; internal mail; training sessions; team meetings.

We shall regularly communicate our environmental program and our commitment to environmental improvement to our clients, vendors, customers, the public and external stakeholders and encourage them to support it. We will solicit their input in meeting our HS & E goals and in turn will offer assistance to meet their goals

We will work with our suppliers to ensure they recognize and reduce the environmental impact of their products. We shall examine contract documents, specifications and drawings to establish whether any activities which take place as part of the contract may have an impact on the environment.

6. Train and increase Awareness

We will implement our environmental policy through guidelines and training

We shall promote environmental awareness among our employees and students and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner, train, educate and inform them about environmental issues that may affect their work.

7. Improve Continually

Management at all levels of KEWI is responsible for ensuring that this policy is communicated and adhered to by all employees, students, suppliers and subcontractors, and that it is made available to interested members of the public.

We will set environmental targets, goals and objectives designed to improve our environmental performance.

We will review our progress and our environmental policy at least on an annual basis.

We will continuously seek opportunities to improve our adherence to set targets and goals.

We will periodically report progress to our stakeholders.

We shall maintain, review and report on clear environmental performance indicators including: monthly environmental inspections and audits, incident performance rates, training achievements and monthly environmental objectives.

We will Seek advice from an approved specialist environmental consultant as to what measures should be taken to prevent or reduce to an acceptable level the impact of activities taking place on the environment.

We shall develop a series of action plans to supplement each of our environmental policy objectives.

This Environmental Policy is applicable to KEWI and will be updated from time to time to reflect the emerging changes in the Institute.

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