

# Environmental Commitment



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The purpose of the following statement is to document USC's commitment to protecting the environment. Issued by Todd Dickey - Senior Vice President and General Counsel, it ultimately serves as a unifying vision of environmental concern for the University.

## Environmental Commitment

The University of Southern California recognizes its duty as a responsible institution and community leader to protect the ecosystem through environmentally sound policies and programs. The University recognizes that the pursuit of educational and research objectives provides opportunities to promote use of sustainable practices and discourage wasteful or damaging activities.

Accordingly, the University will:

- Comply with all environmental regulations and support best practices;
- Develop and maintain an Environmental Management Program;
- Heighten awareness and understanding of environmental issues and engender a "Think Globally, Act Locally" philosophy;
- Embrace pollutant-reducing practices and technology;
- Minimize the use of hazardous materials and processes;
- Encourage recycling and the use of recycled materials;
- Manage energy and natural resources efficiently;
- Strive to continually improve environmental performance; and
- Communicate environmental performance throughout the University.

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