



Environmental & Sustainable Forest Management Policy



CPRS Policy for the Environment

Our strategy to put our policy into practice is as follows:

- Meet or exceed all relevant legislation and regulations, policies, guidelines and other requirements
- Conform with all applicable requirements of the international standard ISO 14001:1996 and Canadian standard CAN/CSA-Z809:2002;
- Conform with the applicable partnership requirements in particular the Forest Products Association Canada (FPAC), the Ontario Forest Industry Association (OFIA) and the Lake Abitibi Model Forest;
- Prevent forest pollution by using processes, practices, materials or products that avoid, reduce or control pollution;
- Provide a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets;
- Provide opportunities for public participation in the development of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) values, objectives, indicators and targets;
- Provide conditions and safeguards for the health and safety of workers and the public;
- Provide employees with training, assistance and supervision to make them aware of their roles and responsibilities including the environmental benefits of improved personal performance;
- Manage our forests in a sustainable manner consistent with requirements of our sustainable forest management plan by contributing to:
 1. conservation of biological diversity;
 2. maintenance and enhancement of ecosystem condition and productivity;
 3. conservation of soil and water resources; and
 4. maintenance of global ecological cycles;
 5. the multiple benefits of forest to society;
 6. the responsibility of all members of society for forest sustainability;
- Provide participation opportunities for Aboriginal peoples, with respect to their rights and interests in SFM;
- Respect Aboriginal and Treaty rights;
- Measure and assess our performance including forest sustainability through compliance and efficiency controls and ensure continual improvement of our Forest Environmental Management System (FEMS) through system and process audits;
- Participate in research that advances the understanding of forest science and, if applicable incorporate into best management practices and Sustainable Forest Management.

The Ontario-East Woodlands Forest Management Group is committed to the following local policy which forms the framework of the Ontario-East Woodlands Forest Environmental Management System (FEMS):

“Ontario-East Woodlands is committed to **C**ontinual Improvement, **P**revention of Pollution, **R**especting Laws and Regulations as part of conducting **S**ustainable forest management in all of our woodlands activities.”

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