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# Environmental Policy Statement

Partners in Prosperity Mission is Healthy to attain prosperous planet, and people (HP3). The PnP mission is to develop multistakeholder partnerships with governments, communities and other enterprises to alleviate poverty and to build a healthy and poverty free environment. It is, therefore, a core value of the organisation to preserve and protect the environment. As we advance scientific understanding regarding the fundamental interrelationship between human health and the environment, we will proactively demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Through implementation of this policy, PnP will serve as a vanguard by advancing environmental stewardship within our own programs and facilities, and in the broader community. Accordingly, PnP will:

* Continually improve our environmental performance.
* Develop and maintain environmental management programs with objectives and targets to minimize adverse environmental impacts.
* Comply with all applicable environmental, health, and safety laws, regulations, and other requirements.
* Implement effective pollution prevention and waste minimization programs to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials.
* Ensure that energy and water are used responsibly and conserved through innovative practices and procedures.
* Provide all our staff with the knowledge and tools needed to meet the goals of this policy and to actively participate in efforts to prevent negative environmental impacts.
* Measure progress toward our environmental goals.

The senior management team shall be responsible for administering and monitoring this policy through implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS). This policy will serve as the framework for setting and reviewing the organisation's environmental goals, objectives, and targets. The EMS Work Group will coordinate an annual review of this policy and develop recommendations for improvements and updates as needed. Changes to this policy will be communicated to all employees and other staff working on behalf of the organisation.

## Guiding Principles for PnP Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

PnP will promote environmental stewardship and human well-being in all aspects of its operations. PnP will partner with like-minded organisation to ensure integrity and drive continuous improvement. To fulfil the organisation's Environmental Policy, as implemented through the NIEHS Environmental Management System, we will be guided by the following principles:

**Compliance with Environmental Requirements** – PnP will comply with all applicable Central, state and local environmental laws, statutes, regulations and other environmental requirements. When environmental quality improvements are feasible, we will establish and maintain our own standards that exceed existing laws and regulations.

**Healthy Built Environment** – PnP will promote public health, workforce wellness, and quality of work-life by integrating the development of buildings and grounds with the natural environment and by promoting indoor environmental quality.

**Environmentally Responsible Facilities Operations** – PnP will assess environmental implications in the design, construction and operation of campus infrastructure grounds and buildings. To the extent practical, facilities development and maintenance will promote environmental sustainability through resource conservation, ecologically-sound landscaping practices, sustainable building design and operation, and transportation that minimizes environmental impact.

**Pollution Prevention** – PnP will minimize solid waste generation and the potential release of pollutants into the environment first through source reduction, secondarily through reuse and recycling, and finally through treatment and disposal.

**Minimize Hazardous Waste and Toxic Materials** – PnP will minimize the generation of hazardous wastes. PnP will maintain policies and processes for the safe and efficient use, tracking, storage and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials.

**Environmentally Responsible Acquisition** – PnP will promote environmental responsibility through its contracting and purchasing choices. When purchasing products and services, the organisation will strive to obtain the best value by considering life cycle environmental impacts along with cost and functional performance.

**Conservation of Energy, Water and Other Resources** – PnP will reduce resource consumption by eliminating wasteful practices and promoting efficient use, and by evaluating and implementing feasible and practical conservation measures in existing buildings, renovations, and new construction.

**Green Technology** – PnP will recognize the significant impacts of computing, communication, refrigeration and other technologies on human health and the environment. The organisation will actively promote the efficient and sustainable use of technology.

**Environmental Education and Awareness** – PnP will provide ongoing education for all employees, contractors and visitors concerning the importance of environmental responsibility in all organisation operations. Further, the organisation will share relevant and accurate information on its environmental performance with the public.