Environment, Health and Safety Policy Declaration and Intent

Tipperary County Council, Environment Section intends to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all employees through the provision and maintenance of a safe place of work, plant and machinery, and safe system of work. Safety must be conducted and managed by identifying and eliminating or controlling significant risks on an ongoing basis and as work practices and conditions change. One of the core principles of the Environment Section is the management, mitigation and elimination of the environmental impacts from how the section operates.

The Section aims to achieve and sustain a safe and healthy work environment for all our employees and to meet our health and safety duties to contractors, visitors and members of the public who may be affected by our operations. It aims to ensure the continual improvement of environmental performance, striving to prevent pollution and reduce environmental impact.

In order to achieve these goals, we will set up systems to ensure a healthy work place with safe plant, procedures and people and with high environmental standards. Essential elements in achieving our aim of continual improvement shall be by site inspections, auditing, accident and incident analysis, as well as setting environmental health and safety objectives based on the principles of prevention, safe systems of work, reducing significant environmental impacts and timely consultation/review.

We intend to comply with all relevant Environmental, Safety, Health and Welfare Legislation and meet all duties to employees, contractors and members of the general public. In fulfilling this commitment, all workplaces will comply with the relevant safety & environmental standards and best practice.

The allocation of responsibilities for Environmental Health and Safety and the arrangements and resources being deployed to implement this policy are set out in the Parent Safety Statement and the Environment Section’s Roles and Responsibilities Register.

Tipperary County Council Environment Section will use all practical means to communicate the Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety obligations to all employees, including Safety Representatives, Contractors, Visitors and all other appropriate parties through training and consultation and making relevant information including this policy available to the public.

The Environment Section will develop and promote a positive Environmental Health and Safety culture among employees through continuous management, leadership, commitment and accountability and will provide employees with the knowledge, resources and authority to implement this policy.

The Environmental Health and Safety Policy, Parent and Ancillary Safety Statements and Safety Manual, will be reviewed periodically to reflect significant changes in the work place including legislation and to ensure that they remain relevant and appropriate.

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