

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, INTRAMURAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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The NIH, as the Nation's preeminent bio-medical research facility is committed to improving the health of our constituents through research efforts designed to increase the medical knowledge base. The NIH through the leadership of Dr. Zerhoni has acknowledged a responsibility to the protection of our environment and the conscientious use of limited natural resources in the performance of this research. The NIDA fully supports this commitment and the leadership provided by our NIH Director. We fully understand that work actions impact the environment, and directly affect human health.

Specifically the NIH and the NIDA are committed to:

- Compliance with all Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as Executive Orders.
- Preventing pollution by minimizing waste generation where possible, reducing and recycling materials and where necessary, disposing of waste in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Integrating environmental and health considerations into the decision making process through the implementation of the NIH Environmental Management System (EMS). The NIH Environmental Management System is a process to incorporate environmental considerations into day-to-day work activities.
- Continual improvement of the EMS to better our environmental performance by setting environmental goals, measuring progress, taking corrective actions when necessary, and communicating the results to NIH management and staff.

The NIDA will continue a practice of personal and programmatic responsibility for reducing the impact of our job performance on the environment.

We will strive to continue and improve this stewardship, reviewing this policy annually and updating as necessary.



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