



## Environmental Policy - Plant Operations

The Regional Municipality of Durham Plant Operations Division plans and provides safe and reliable water and wastewater services in a manner that preserves the environment and minimizes negative environmental impacts. The Division achieves this by the effective and efficient operation of water and wastewater infrastructure.

A core theme in Durham Region's Corporate Strategic Plan is to protect, enhance and restore the natural environment.

Our Goal is to:

- Invest in efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change to build resiliency across the region.
- Protect, enhance and where appropriate restore significant water resources and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Demonstrate leadership in sustainable asset management and environmentally friendly municipal practices.

In addition:

- Be an environmentally responsible neighbour in the communities where we operate by acting promptly and responsibly to correct conditions that may endanger the environment.
- Strive to exceed applicable water and wastewater treatment requirements while ensuring our operations comply with the relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other additional requirements focused on the protection of the environment and the public.
- Implement continual improvement through monitoring and measuring internal and external performance.
- Continue to demonstrate our leadership through benchmarking and best management practices.
- Operate to reflect our commitment to the prevention of pollution by planning for adequate funding, equipment and human resources to ensure the efficient, sustainable use of energy and other natural resources.
- Respond to emergencies in a prompt and effective manner.

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