



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 2011

The Railway Procurement Agency is mandated to provide modern transport infrastructure that is highly accessible and offers an attractive alternative to travel by private car. The objective of achieving a modal shift from private to public transport is central to Irish Government policy on sustainable development and environmental protection. RPA has committed to integrating consideration of sustainability in its processes for planning, designing, and providing transport infrastructure and to contributing to the Government's broader policies of sustainable development.

Our commitment to showing leadership in environmental practice in providing transport infrastructure extends to our day-to-day management of the Agency's activities.

RPA will take specific measures to mitigate the environmental and heritage risks of our business through adopting sustainable practices and continuous improvement of environmental performance in our projects. We will:

- Integrate environmental, and cultural heritage considerations into RPA's planning and decision-making processes;
- Commit to challenging targets for reducing energy consumption associated with transport;
- Comply with all relevant statutory requirements, and keep up-to-date with best-practice in Ireland and internationally;
- Develop and implement appropriate environmental objectives and control processes, which we will monitor and review for their effectiveness;
- Manage new projects, maintenance and renewals in a way that incorporates an assessment of the works' environmental and cultural heritage risks, and takes appropriate action to mitigate adverse impacts;
- Promote environmental awareness among staff, consultants and contractors; and
- Ensure that our environmental policies extend to our supply chain and in particular, take environmental competence and compliance into account in selecting and managing contractors and advisors.

While all employees have a duty to ensure our activities take account of risks to the environment, the Chief Executive will ensure that this policy is communicated and implemented throughout the Agency during 2011 and will report on its compliance to the RPA Board.

Signed: Jeanie Allen  
Chief Executive  
Railway Procurement Agency

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