



RIDOT POLICY

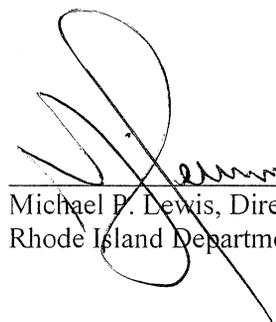
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REFERENCE: Environmental Policy

It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (the Department), in fulfilling its mission, to integrate environmental stewardship into all facets of developing and managing the transportation infrastructure for the State of Rhode Island. Environmental stewardship means making decisions and conducting all activities, including planning, design, construction and maintenance operations, in a manner to protect and improve the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the State.

In fulfilling its commitment to environmental stewardship, the Department will:

- Develop, implement and maintain an Environmental Management System that fosters continual improvement and measures the Department's environmental performance;
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws and regulations;
- Pursue the adoption of sustainable practices and pollution prevention strategies, both organizationally and at the project-level;
- Avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse environmental impacts;
- Communicate its commitment to this policy to Department employees, consultants, contractors, stakeholders and members of the public.
- Provide training programs that further the goals of this policy.
- Ensure that employees, consultants and contractors understand and incorporate environmental stewardship and compliance into Department activities and practices.



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