

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Volta River Authority (herein referred to as "the Authority") is a public power utility and supplies electricity to industries and mining companies as well as distribution companies in Ghana. The Authority commits to ensuring continuous improvement of environmental performance that minimizes potential impacts of all its operations on the environment in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and complying with national and international environmental protection regulations.

In respect of the above, VRA will:

1. Make environmental considerations a priority in all business planning and decision-making and comply with relevant national and international environmental protection regulations.
2. Take reasonable steps to mitigate the impact of its actions with regard to the development, operation and management of its assets.

VRA will thus pursue the following specific objectives:

- a. Develop and implement Environmental Management Systems for all its business units to:
 - i. Assess environmental impact of processes, operations and products.
 - ii. Focus on pollution prevention and waste reduction.
 - iii. Ensure compliance with national/international environmental protection regulations.
 - iv. Set annual environmental targets to ensure continuous improvements.
 - v. Monitor and report on environmental performance as required to the appropriate stakeholders.
- b. Ensure minimum environmental impact of VRA's projects and take adequate steps to mitigate any such anticipated adverse impacts as far as is practicable.
- c. Promote environmental awareness and individual sense of responsibility among its employees through print material for distribution, safety meetings, and the corporate website which will continue to be updated, and provide adequate empowerment and training for personnel to perform environmental jobs satisfactorily.
- d. Support research efforts on materials, products, processes and pollution reduction techniques that are directly related to its operations.
- e. Contribute to the development of public policy and programmes that enhance environmental awareness and protection.
- f. Promote open communication on environmental issues.
- g. Undertake projects and programmes in collaboration with relevant agencies to preserve the Volta Lake resource, and reasonably restore/mitigate ecological imbalance caused by the creation of the lake.
- h. Undertake projects and programmes to mitigate the impact on the livelihood of individuals and communities displaced or affected by VRA's developmental projects.

VRA shall design evaluation procedures for all processes that fall under this policy to ensure that these processes comply. Deficiencies, in the policy or in the evaluation procedure, shall be addressed as required. Each employee of VRA is charged to exercise his or her responsibility on behalf of VRA to assure that the intentions of this Policy Statement are diligently carried out.

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