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**Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Environmental Policy
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The Port of Corpus Christi Authority (“*Port*”) Commission formally adopts a set of guidelines designed to further demonstrate Environmental Leadership in the South Texas Coastal Bend region.

In its commitment to be “*An Environmental Leader*,” the Port of Corpus Christi Authority in collaboration with stakeholders will strive to exceed what is required as a minimum by applicable rules and regulations to mitigate environmental impacts, prevent pollution, and employ continuous improvement policies and environmental stewardship initiatives that promote the following five (5) key precepts:

- **Air Quality** in attainment of national air quality standards and in support of the Corpus Christi region's efforts to stay in attainment through voluntary actions;
- **Water Quality** that maintains or improves the health of the coastal bend ecosystems;
- **Soils & Sediments** protective of human health and the environment;
- **Wildlife Habitat** development, improvements, and replacement when modification to existing habitat is necessary; and
- **Environmental Sustainability** in the development of port facilities and in ongoing port operations.

The Port’s Environmental Policy is the formalization of many existing environmental programs that address soil, sediment, wildlife, air and water quality impacts. Together, these programs have already realized tremendous positive impacts in the surrounding communities and estuaries. The Port also intends to use legislative channels, where appropriate, to help meet its environmental agenda.

The Environmental Policy is one of the strategic imperatives that will be considered and integrated into decisions related to the development of infrastructure or the operations of Port facilities, supporting the Port of Corpus Christi’s vision *To Be the Energy Port of the Americas* and its mission of *Leveraging Commerce to Drive Prosperity* for the Port, its stakeholders, and the Community, Region, State, and Nation.