



# Port of Corpus Christi Authority Environmental Policy

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In its commitment to "Be an Environmental Leader," the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (Port), in collaboration with stakeholders, will mitigate environmental impacts, prevent pollution, and undertake environmental stewardship initiatives to uphold the following six (6) key precepts and achieve the corresponding performance targets:

## **Air Quality**

Uphold, through voluntary actions, the national ambient air quality standards established through the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990.

• Achieve at least a 15% reduction in PM, VOC, NOx and SOx emissions per cargo ton handled relative to the most current emission inventory every three years.

## **Water Ouality**

Maintain or improve the quality of the Coastal Bend bays to be fishable and swimmable in accordance with the Clean Water Act, as amended in 1972.

• Achieve a 10% annual reduction in each of the measured water quality parameters (Al, Fe, Zn, Pb, and TSS) at each sampling location on Port property.

# **Soils & Sediments**

Protect human health, as well as sediment and groundwater quality.

• Uphold the current practice of remediating spills that occur on Port property to a residential cleanup standard.

#### Habitat

Promote diverse, healthy native flora and fauna.

• Voluntarily create/restore 50 acres of habitat within the Corpus Christi and Aransas Bay systems every three years.





#### **Resilience/Climate Adaptation**

Prioritize sustainability and resilience in the development of Port facilities and Port operations.

• Integrate at least one sustainability strategy from the *PCCA Life Cycle Assessment Tool* into all projects to which the Port dedicates capital dollars.

# **Climate Action**

Support national and global emission reduction and net-zero initiatives under Goal 13 of the Paris Agreement.

• Achieve a 7.5% annual reduction in GHG emissions per cargo ton handled relative to the current emissions inventory.

The Port's Environmental Policy is a strategic imperative that guides all aspects of development and operations, supporting the Port's vision *To Be the Energy Port of the Americas* and its mission to *Leverage Commerce to Drive Prosperity* for the Coastal Bend region and beyond.

The Port's Environmental Policy formalizes many existing environmental programs intended to realize measurable positive impacts in surrounding communities and bays systems. The Port uses legislative channels to meet its environmental objectives, which focus on energy evolution, climate action, water resource management, and resource efficiency.