



The Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance Guiding Principles

1. Members of the Alliance commit that their current sourcing processes include, as a minimum standard:
 - Compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, as well as the environmental requirements of the company;
 - Compliance with all applicable safety laws and regulations, as well as safety requirements of the company; and
 - Compliance with all applicable requirements for the engagement of diverse businesses.
2. Procurement of fuel is not included in the scope of the Alliance. None of the individuals participating in the Alliance are responsible for the purchase of fuel for member companies. Alliance members commit to share best practices, metrics, and standards developed by the Alliance with the fuel procurement staff in their companies.
3. On an annual basis, the Alliance will track and report on progress and performance improvement and communicate its goals and progress externally.
4. Through the Working Teams, as defined in the by-laws, the Alliance commits to:
 - Evaluate supply chain operations with respect to reducing air emissions and improving energy use, water consumption, recycling, waste minimization and other eco-efficiency measures;
 - Evaluate the eco-efficiency (e.g., natural resource use, energy intensity, material recycling, such as packaging) of commodities used in the utility industry;
 - When evaluating greenhouse gas emissions, consider all six greenhouse gases (i.e., carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride);
 - Collaborate with stakeholders, including suppliers and environmental NGOs, on the development of voluntary best practices, metrics and standards; and
 - Establish an appropriate mechanism for suppliers' verification of their performance data (e.g., publicly available data, self verification, third party endorsements).