

Western will conduct its mission of marketing and delivering reliable, cost-based hydroelectric power and related services in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Business will be conducted in an efficient, sustainable, and economically sound manner.

Western will use the principles of environmental management systems to integrate and comply with the requirements of this policy, and continuously improve our environmental performance.

Protecting the environment is every employee's responsibility and is a sound business practice.



Western is committed to pollution prevention and waste minimization and will use effective planning to mitigate the environmental impacts of our actions.

Public concerns and Federal, State, Tribal, and local agency requirements pertaining to environmental issues will be addressed in Western actions. This will include issues related to planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities; power marketing; and managing regulated materials and clean-up actions.

SUMMARY

- Environmental regulations affect how we do our work
- Adhering to regulations and policies is mandatory
- Environmental requirements apply to design, construction, maintenance, operations & power marketing
- Good project planning incorporates environmental requirements early in the process
- The Office of Environment is here to help make a project successful



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FEDERAL AGENCIES MUST INCLUDE OTHERS IN THEIR DECISIONS

Western coordinates with many Agencies, Tribes, Customers & Landowners for much of our work.

This Takes Time

We need good plans and project information.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS NEEDING REVIEW

- Pole Replacement
- Access Road Improvements
- Trenching
- Grading
- Culverts and Rip-rap
- Prep for Material Lay Down and Pads
- Rebuilding Lines
- Interconnections
- Power Marketing Plans
- Vegetation Management

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- Public Involvement in Federal Actions
- “Actions” really mean “Decisions”
- Comply with NEPA BEFORE the action is taken
- We comply with other regs. at the same time

INCORPORATING ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS INTO A PROJECT

Generally use “Mitigation Actions”

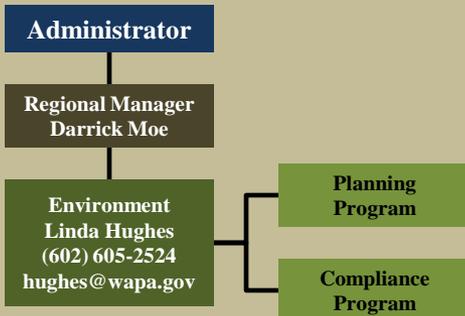
- Agreements made by Western
- Incorporated into Project
 - Specifications
 - Timing
 - Monitoring
 - Avoidance
- Binding
- Implementation must be documented and reported to DOE and the Public



ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- Protection of Cultural Resources
- Protection of Habitat for both animals and plants
- Compliance with other Supplemental Authorities (Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Clean Water Act, etc.)

DSW Organization Chart (Partial)



PLANNING PROGRAM

- Natural Resource Protection
- Cultural Resources
- Endangered Species
- Facility Siting/Construction
- Power Marketing Plans
- Operations
- Maintenance

COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- Pollution Prevention
- Waste Management
- Hazardous Materials Transportation
- Community Right-to-Know
- Cleanups and Investigations
- Surface and Groundwater Protection