



<b>Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures Policy 08.01.11</b>	
Section: Health & Safety Policies	Responsible Vice President: EVP of Business and Finance
Subject: Environmental Policy Statement	Responsible Entity: Environmental Health & Safety

**I. Title**

*Environmental Policy Statement*

**II. Policy**

All employees, faculty, contract workers, volunteers, and students of the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) shall perform their duties in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and ordinances. To the extent possible and subject to existing agreements, UTMB will require that its tenants and others using university property or engaging in university activities shall also comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and ordinances.

Detailed descriptions regarding handling and disposing of chemicals, biological, radioactive and other hazardous materials, and other safety matters are delineated in the *UTMB Safety Manual* and *UTMB Radiation Safety Manual*. The *UTMB Safety and Radiation Safety Manuals* are maintained and updated by UTMB Environmental Health and Safety. They are also available electronically on the [EHS website](#).

**III. Guidelines**

1. UTMB is committed to appropriately training its employees and students to perform their duties and conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner.
2. All wastes generated at UTMB as a result of university activities (including but not limited to hazardous and radioactive wastes) shall be managed in a manner that will maximize protection of human health and the environment.
3. UTMB shall make reasonable efforts to minimize waste generated as a result of university activities and to achieve the goals set out in Governor’s Executive Order AWR92-2
4. UTMB shall develop and implement appropriate policies and programs in furtherance of this Environmental Policy Statement.
5. UTMB shall be represented on the University of Texas System Environmental Advisory Committee, which provides advice and recommendations in the implementation of the U.T. System Environmental Policy.

**IV. Relevant Federal and State Statutes**

[Governor’s Executive Order AWR92-2](#)

**V. Relevant System Policies and Procedures**

[UT System Environmental Policy Statement](#)  
[UT System Policy on Sustainable Practices](#)

**VI. Dates Approved or Amended**

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**VII. Contact Information**

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