


## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to responsible stewardship of the forest land base, sustainability of the Province's forest resources, and ensuring forest related activities on Crown Land are conducted under approved environmental procedures. To this effect, forest operations managed by the Province are monitored through an Environmental Management System (EMS). This EMS conforms to the requirements of ISO 14001: 2004, where the Province shall:

- Meet or exceed legislative, regulatory and other requirements which relate to their respective environmental impacts.
- Manage the forest resources in a manner consistent with the Provincial Sustainable Forest Management Strategy and Provincial Forest Policies.
- Conduct forest management activities in a conscientious manner to protect the natural biodiversity and ecosystem including; timber, soil, water, air, fish, wildlife, and landscape.
- Consider environmental and socio-economic needs to promote awareness and opportunity for public and interested party involvement within the forest management planning process.
- Hold regular reviews to maintain a framework which documents and sets environmental objectives.
- Monitor the EMS system through internal and external audits.
- Track and enhance environmental performance.
- Commit to protecting the environment, the prevention of pollution and will foster continuous improvement.

  
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