



# PLATTE RIVER POWER AUTHORITY

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

In accordance with Platte River's commitment to environmental stewardship, all decisions and operations are guided by a Board of Directors-approved Environmental Policy and Principles that benefit the health and wellbeing of individuals both inside and outside of the organization.

*Platte River Power Authority's Board of Directors adopted the following policy statement on December 12, 2002. This statement has been updated over time and is an integral component of Platte River's General Legislative Policy.*

### **Environmental Policy**

It is the policy of Platte River in carrying out its mission of providing reliable, low-cost, environmentally responsible electric energy to its customers...

- ...to use state-of-the-art air quality control systems at its power generation stations,
- ...to meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws and regulations,
- ...to participate in public process as new legislation and regulations are proposed,
- ...to support additional emission control requirements where costs are commensurate with measurable environmental benefits, and
- ...to be proactive in evaluating and implementing improvements in its power operations that balance environmental and other socio-economic concerns.

*In 1995, Platte River's Board of Directors approved the following principles to guide the organization in its decision making and operations:*

### **Environmental Principles**

Platte River's Board of Directors has approved the following principles to guide the organization in its decision-making and operations:

1. Platte River will consider environmental factors as an integral part of planning, design, construction, and operating decisions.
2. Platte River will reinforce environmental compliance through program reviews, training, and by communicating environmental values throughout the organization.
3. Platte River will encourage public participation in planning for the location of major facilities as a means of avoiding and resolving conflicts and to achieve a balance between the need for economic electric supply and environmental quality.
4. Platte River will conserve natural resources such as water, soils, grasslands, and wetland areas through efficient use and careful planning. Where needed, Platte River will restore land disturbed by its operations or construction.
5. Platte River will encourage employees to bring environmental issues forward to assure Platte River's compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and permits.
6. Platte River will strive to reduce environmental health and safety risks to its employees and the communities in which it operates by (i) maintaining safe and healthful working conditions, (ii) the design and operation of its facilities, and (iii) being prepared for emergencies.
7. Platte River will manage the disposal of waste material in an environmentally responsible manner, will recycle the materials it uses whenever possible, and will use recycled materials where appropriate.
8. Platte River will work with its customers to support cost-effective programs to conserve energy.
9. Platte River will coordinate its generation and transmission planning with neighboring utilities to minimize overbuilding or underutilization.
10. Platte River will consider environmentally progressive technologies such as wind, solar power, or other renewable technologies to meet its future generation needs.