



MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OUR MISSION IS TO MANAGE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT MANNER.

The Authority strives to achieve this mission according to the following guiding principles:

- ◆ Pursue excellence in all endeavors.
- ◆ Establish sustainable systems which provide the optimum balance between conservation of resources and disposal of wastes, current costs and long-term liabilities, governmental interests and market forces, stability and flexibility, and innovation and reliability.
- ◆ Minimize the volume and toxicity of wastes; maximize the recovery of resources and reuse and recycling of valuable materials; minimize energy consumption; and maximize energy recovery.
- ◆ Apply sound scientific reasoning and prudent and ethical business practices in the development and management of all programs and facilities; and ensure the equitable distribution of operational impacts, benefits and costs in accordance with local community values and sound public policy.
- ◆ Utilize the best available demonstrated technologies to assure compliance with all legal requirements; and transcend legal requirements as necessary and appropriate to prevent emissions to the environment in harmful quantities or concentrations.
- ◆ Accept responsibility for environmental harm resulting from operating and closed Authority facilities; resolve to remedy appropriately environmental or personal damages; and report environmental information to the public in a prompt and accurate manner.
- ◆ Employ qualified, capable and effective employees and advisors with the appropriate education, training, discipline and compensation to maintain highest standards of performance.
- ◆ Maintain fiscal integrity and minimize public financial risk; incorporate life cycle costs into current fee structures; utilize private enterprise in the delivery of services to the extent appropriate; and strive to minimize all costs without sacrificing quality of service.
- ◆ Share information and perspective in the interest of public education to promote the development of rational public policy; and solicit advice and foster participation from all sectors of the community.