

ENVIRONMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction

Petroleum has been one of the most significant contributors to the increased well-being of our society over the past century, and has played a key role in meeting the rising expectations of an expanding world population. Petroleum will continue to be a major element in the world energy mix because of its utility and unparalleled versatility.

Crude oil and the petroleum products refined from it are potentially dangerous to transport and use if not handled properly. The petroleum industry is also aware that production, transportation and consumption of crude oil and its products can lead to pollution of the environment and, in these contexts, the industry has an excellent safety and environmental record, producing, refining, and transporting vast volumes of oil and oil products each day.

Objectives

AIP member companies in Australia share the general community concern for conservation of the environment, and seek to protect air, water and soil from contamination through their operations. In doing so their aim is to:-

- treat with care all materials that may cause pollution;
- achieve a zero accident goal;
- maintain open communication with Governments and local communities;
- support market mechanisms for conservation and wise use of our valuable energy resources.

Implementation

To achieve the objectives, the policy of AIP member companies is to:-

- Ensure employees and management at all levels understand their stewardship responsibilities;
- Monitor compliance at the operating level with company policy, government regulations and industry guidelines;
- Increase emphasis on training, supervision and motivation of employees;
- Maintain an emergency response capability;
- Examine the introduction of their own and other research into practical ways of minimising pollution;
- Co-operate with government agencies that request assistance with remedial action where pollution has occurred;
- Confer with Governments, the community, other industries, employees and professional bodies on the range of environmental issues which relate to the industry's operations and its products;
- Work with customers to encourage responsible use of petroleum products.

Protecting the environment is an integral part of the oil industry's operations. All AIP members are committed to this task.