

## Sustainable Food Production (SFP)

### SFP.H5S Develop an environmental policy

#### Unit Summary

This unit is about the skills required by those who are involved in developing an environmental policy. An environmental policy is a written statement summarising the organisation's intentions with regard to environmental performance.

#### Related Units

This is a skills unit and the underpinning knowledge and understanding is set out in: SFP.H5K Understand how to develop an environmental policy

You must be able to:	This means you:
a. Review and evaluate organisational commitments and any existing environmental policies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify any existing environmental policies and organisational commitments of relevance to the organisation's significant environmental impacts</li> <li>2. Evaluate any environmental policies and organisational commitments of relevance to the organisation's significant environmental impacts</li> <li>3. Recognise relevant interested parties and seek their views on the content of an environmental policy</li> <li>4. Identify improvements to organisational commitments and any existing environmental policies with respect to environmental performance</li> <li>5. Ensure your findings are valid, recorded in a suitable format and based on recognised guidelines, applicable legislation and good practice</li> </ol>
b. Produce and communicate an environmental policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Prepare a policy and ensure that it is based on the organisation's significant environmental impacts, applicable legislation, good practice and is consistent with other organisational commitments.</li> <li>7. Ensure that the policy includes a commitment to continual improvement in environmental performance</li> <li>8. Ensure that the policy provides a framework for environmental objectives</li> <li>9. Ensure the policy is clear and appropriate to the nature and scale of the organisation and is in a suitable format for interested parties including top management</li> <li>10. Communicate the policy to interested parties including top management.</li> <li>11. Encourage feedback from interested parties on the content of the policy</li> </ol>

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### Key Words

<b>Continual improvement</b>	A recurring process of enhancements to achieve improvements in environmental performance
<b>Environment</b>	Surroundings in which an organisation operates including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation.
<b>Environmental impact</b>	A change to the environment resulting wholly or in part from the organisation's activities, products or services.
<b>Environmental objectives</b>	These are the overall environmental goals set by the organisation in line with its environmental policy commitments.