

Sustainable Food Production (SFP)

SFP.H6S Evaluate and make recommendations on an environmental policy

Unit Summary

This unit is about the skills required by those who are involved in evaluating and making recommendations on 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.H6K Understand how to evaluate and make recommendations on 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"> 1. Identify any existing environmental policies and organisational commitments of relevance to the organisation's significant environmental impacts 2. Evaluate any environmental policies and organisational commitments of relevance to the organisation's significant environmental impacts 3. Recognise relevant interested parties and seek their views on the content of an environmental policy 4. Identify improvements to organisational commitments and any existing environmental policies with respect to environmental performance 5. Ensure your findings are valid, recorded in a suitable format and based on recognised guidelines, applicable legislation and good practice
b. Produce and communicate an environmental policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 7. Ensure that the policy includes a commitment to continual improvement in environmental performance 8. Ensure that the policy provides a framework for environmental objectives 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 10. Communicate the policy to interested parties including top management. 11. Encourage feedback from interested parties on the

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Key Words

Continual Improvement	A recurring process of enhancements to achieve improvements in environmental performance
Environment	The surroundings in which an organisation operates including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation.
Environmental impact	A change to the environment resulting wholly or in part from the organisation's activities, products or services.
Environmental objectives	The overall environmental goals set by the organisation in line with its environmental policy commitments
Environmental performance	The measurable results of an organisation's management of the environmental impacts of its activities, products or services
Environmental policy	A written statement summarising the organisation's overall intentions with regard to environmental performance. When implemented it should have the formal commitment of top management.
Interested party	A person or group concerned with or affected by the organisations environmental performance