



President's Environmental Health and Safety Statement of Commitment

The University of Texas at Austin is committed to protecting the health and welfare of students, faculty, staff and visitors, as well as the environment. Together we must maintain a healthy and safe campus and foster a culture of safety throughout the university.

Environmental health and safety (EHS) is a shared responsibility. All members of the university should recognize and work to reduce injuries and minimize adverse environmental impacts. It is essential that deans, directors, department heads, and faculty and staff supervisors lead this effort. Employees are to take an active part in their own safety and the safety of those around them. This includes understanding and complying with EHS requirements, reporting all incidents and accidents, completing all required training, and taking personal responsibility for a safe and healthy campus.

With this Statement, I hereby reaffirm my support for the following EHS principles:

- prevent or mitigate human or economic losses arising from accidents, adverse occupational exposures and environmental events;
- build EHS considerations into all phases of operations including facility design and construction, research and teaching;
- achieve and maintain compliance with EHS laws and regulations; and
- continually improve our EHS performance by adopting best practices.

This commitment also recognizes and promises to respond to legitimate community concerns about EHS and to provide appropriate and timely information in response to questions about EHS issues.

The EHS office has been charged with developing innovative and responsible programs and procedures to support this commitment including periodic assessments to review performance and track corrective actions. For questions or assistance, contact the EHS office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Powers, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

William Powers, Jr.
President

Date 9/26/11