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Introduction

According to the Swedish Ordinance on Environmental Management in Government Agencies (SFS 2009:907), Karolinska Institutet (KI) is required to establish and develop an environmental management system. As part of this environmental management system, KI shall have an environmental policy. The environmental policy describes the intentions and direction of KI's work with environmental sustainability. It encompasses KI's entire organisation. All employees and those working on behalf of KI have a responsibility to abide by the policy. The environmental policy is to be followed up on an annual basis in conjunction with reviewing the environmental management system

Environmental Policy

KI's mission is to conduct education that rests on a solid scientific foundation and proven experience, and to conduct research and development work. This includes collaborating with national and international stakeholders for mutual exchanges of the knowledge and expertise found at the university and ensuring that societal benefit is derived from this knowledge and expertise. KI shall be an active societal actor contributing to solving environmental and climate challenges, with the focus on health through education, research and collaboration.

To achieve this, KI shall:

- integrate an environmental perspective into its strategies and operations;
- contribute to achieving national and international environmental and climate goals through education, research and collaboration;
- through continuous improvement, reduce the direct and indirect negative environmental and climate impact of KI's operations;
- ensure compliance with applicable environmental legislation and regulation;

- continuously evaluate and develop environmental work that constantly improves KI's environmental performance; and
- encourage students and staff to actively contribute to environmental work, as well as ensure that they have the requisite knowledge and resources to do so.