

# Waste Management Policy

## **1.0 Philosophy**

POWERGRID, as a responsible corporate entity, is aware of its environmental and social responsibility and accordingly, following the cardinal principles as enlisted in its Environmental and Social Policy & Procedures (ESPP), manages the waste materials generated in its activities by employing the best management practices, while ensuring complete compliance with the applicable laws of the land. We aspire to achieve and maintain '**A Zero Waste to Landfill Corporate**' status by 2030. Additionally, dedicated training programmes focussing on environment management in general and waste management in particular are conducted regularly to sensitize the Manpower about importance of proper waste management including risks associated with any non-compliance as well as applicable regulatory framework and measures to be adopted for ensuring proper management of wastes generated in our activities.

## **2.0 Scope & Applicability**

The Waste Management Policy is applicable to all establishments fully owned by POWERGRID.

## **3.0 Approach & Focus Areas**

More specifically, our waste management practices are centred towards:

***Inventorize***, the total and segment wise waste generated;

***Reduce***, the intensity of waste generation, progressively;

***Reuse***, the waste, wherever possible, for economic and environmental benefits;

***Recycle***, the waste materials for gainful uses;

***Dispose***, the residual waste in the most environment friendly manner.

## **4.0 Implementation**

Executive Director (ESMD & CSR) will be responsible for overall implementation and monitoring of the policy in the organization. At Regional/ departmental level, respective Executive Directors will be responsible for implementation of the policy, while at substation/ establishment level, responsibility of implementation lies with the concerned Substation / Office-In-charges.

## **5.0 Alignment**

The policy is in alignment with POWERGRID's ESPP, ESG Policy, Environment Management System as per ISO 14001-2015, SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

## **6.0 Review & Revision**

The Waste Management Policy will be subject to periodic review and revision in line with changing regulatory framework and business dynamics, as well as expectations of stakeholders. CMD / Director (Projects) are authorized to make any amendments to the policy, as may be required from time to time, with changes to be informed to Board subsequently.