



Environmental Policy Statement

Markets Being Served

Steel Dynamics, Inc. (SDI) is one of the largest steel producers and metals recyclers in North America based on estimated annual steelmaking and metals recycling capability, with facilities located throughout the United States, and in Mexico. Steel Dynamics produces steel products, including hot roll, cold roll, and coated sheet steel, structural steel beams and shapes, rail, engineered special-bar-quality steel, cold finished steel, merchant bar products, specialty steel sections, and steel joists and deck. Our metals recycling operations recycle over 5.0 million tons of ferrous scrap and over 1.0 billion pounds of nonferrous scrap each year. Our steel fabrication operations, which fabricate steel joists and deck for the non-residential construction market, source a portion of their steel needs from our own steel operations. Additional SDI facilities produce liquid pig iron, aluminum alloys, and copper rod and wire, primarily from recycled metal.

Sustainable Business Practices

We are committed to operating our business in an environmentally sustainable manner. We recognize the importance of being good stewards of our environment and the communities where we work and live. We continually evaluate opportunities to improve our processes, equipment and technology to reduce our physical impact on the environment. To us, it's more than simply meeting the requirements, but going beyond with a commitment to higher environmental standards, as evidenced through our meaningful decarbonization and associated goals.

Being environmentally conscious is part of our culture. We see ourselves as guests in the communities in which we do business, and as such, we are good stewards of the environment. Each day, our team members take the initiative to protect the environment, simply because it is the right thing to do. In addition, we employ numerous dedicated environmental professionals with specialized training to foster sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities in a manner to prevent pollution and conserve the use of energy and other resources throughout all our operations. Our companywide performance-based incentive programs encourage our teams to create innovative solutions, to increase efficiencies, reduce raw material usage, reuse secondary materials and promote material conservation and recycling.

Steel and other metal products play a central role in the infrastructure and economic viability of modern society, and we work hard to manufacture our products in a sustainable and socially responsible manner. For example, we employ electric arc furnace "mini-mill" technology to more efficiently produce new steel using scrap sourced from end-of-life automobiles, industrial equipment and infrastructure. Mini-mills are the largest recyclers of metal in the North America and have revolutionized the way steel is made and recycled, requiring far fewer natural resources and significantly less energy than traditional "integrated" steelmaking which relies on virgin iron ore mines and extra processing steps. Our resulting steel products are extremely high in recycled content. As such, we are a member of the sustainability-focused U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the use of our steel counts towards credits required to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") certification.

Environmental Principles

We are committed to continually improve our environmental performance through the implementation of our guiding environmental principles to:

1. Comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and other requirements governing our operations and evaluate the effectiveness of those compliance efforts where appropriate.
2. Identify opportunities that protect the environment, prevent pollution, conserve energy and where feasible increase the use of renewable energy, more efficiently utilize resources and/or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Implement, where feasible, actions to minimize waste generation and redirect materials to be reused or recycled, conserve water, and mitigate impacts on the biodiversity of the communities in which we operate.
4. Participate, where appropriate, in the development of public policy and programs regarding sustainable practices within our industry.
5. Foster open communication with our leadership and team members to help ensure their roles and responsibilities are conducted consistent with the principles of this policy.

Application of Policy

This policy and its principles apply to all team members, departments, and functions throughout the SDI family. Additionally, we expect our suppliers and vendors to adhere to this policy and its environmental principles. We believe our approach to environmental stewardship will create value and reduce risk for our customers and the communities in which we operate.

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