



ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (EP) CODE OF ETHICS

The Environmental Professional (EP) Code of Ethics includes several tenets which all certified and in-training members must perform under to remain a member in good standing. In addition, EP staff, volunteers, and board and committee members must also agree to abide by the same EP Code of Ethics.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Upholding the duty to protect, steward, and promote the environment.

Environmental Professionals (EPs) should recognize the value of environmental efficiency and sustainability, determine the benefits and costs of additional environmental stewardship, and continue to implement sustainable solutions.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Protecting the public and the natural world, working to influence the social, economic and cultural segments to bring positive change.

EPs should be empowering communities around them, enhancing the dignity and reputation of both the profession and the designation, as well as respect the welfare, health and safety of all persons.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Obtaining and maintaining an ongoing level of competence suitable for the required work with an accurate representation of qualifications.

EPs will adhere to the ethical guidelines, understand the rules of conduct and uphold the standard of practice. They will also maintain accountability, understand their responsibility, work within the rules and regulations, and always conduct themselves to the maximum of their expertise.





ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS

Conducting all professional practices honestly, fairly, in good faith, with integrity and due care.

EPs will refuse to consciously associate with any material report, statement, or representation known to be false or misleading. They will report any professional misconduct that breaches the EP Code of Ethics. EPs are duty-bound to promote the environment but must do so within the ethical framework for EPs.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Holding in strict confidence, except as required by law, all information concerning the business and affairs of the employer/client/stakeholder an EP acquired during the professional relationship, and not using this information for personal gain.

EPs understand and respect obligations when entering into contracts. They will be aware of the requirement to report illegal activities or practices even if under contract. EPs will negotiate terms in contact that would be beneficial to the public's well-being.

