

# **Sustainability Policy**

## **Gainesville Renewable Energy Center**

The Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is committed to continually achieve certification to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards, as well as comply with applicable environmental, social and health and safety laws and regulations.

The Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is committed to increasing its sourcing from certified and controlled wood sources. Gainesville Renewable Energy Center employs environmentally, socially and economically sustainable procurement practices to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. This is accomplished by practicing and promoting a resource and conservation stewardship ethic.

Gainesville Renewable Energy Center's Sustainability Policy is to promote the principles of sustainable development, renewable energy and carbon neutral energy production.

To help implement and achieve the above sustainability, renewable energy and carbon off-set objectives, Gainesville Renewable Energy Center has developed and adopted appropriate programs and documented procedures to guide its wood fiber procurement and sourcing practices to source from FSC certified forests, where available, and to avoid sourcing unacceptable wood material.

Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is also committed to annually review the effectiveness of its sustainability policy, chain of custody and controlled wood sourcing programs, and to continually improve its management systems and environmental performance.



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**Self-Declaration**  
**Regarding FSC-POL-01-004**  
**(Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC)**

The Gainesville Renewable Energy Center "Organization" is associated with the Forest Stewardship Council A.C., Oaxaca, Mexico, or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (hereinafter: FSC) by being either a member of or having a contractual relationship with FSC. Hereby the signing Organization explicitly states that it has read and understood the "Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC" as published under [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org). This policy stipulates FSC's position with regards to unacceptable activities by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC as well as the mechanism for disassociation.

In light of the above, the Organization explicitly agrees currently and in the future, as long as the relationship with FSC exists, not to be directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;

In addition, the Organization recognizes that the principles established by the International Labor Organization through the 1998 Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (the "Principles") serve to guide governments in the protection of the basic rights of workers without defining a uniform path for every nation to follow. Based upon these Principles, and consistent with applicable national law, rights, regulations, and administrative/judicial rules and procedures, the Organization shall respect:

- a) freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- b) the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor;
- c) the effective abolition of child labor; and
- d) the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.



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