

AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
CODE OF ETHICS
(Policy Manual: Section 8.7)

PREAMBLE: In the pursuit of their profession, environmental professionals must use their skills and knowledge to enhance human health and welfare and environmental quality for all. Environmental professionals must conduct themselves in an honorable and ethical manner so as to merit confidence and respect, as well as to maintain the dignity of the profession. This code is to guide the environmental professional in the balanced discharge of his or her responsibilities to society, employers, clients, coworkers, subordinates, professional colleagues, and themselves.

PLEDGE: As an environmental professional, I shall regard my responsibility to society as paramount and shall endeavor to:

1. Direct my professional skills toward conscientiously chosen ends I deem to be of positive value to humanity and the environment; decline to use those skills for purposes I consider to conflict with my moral values.
2. Inform myself and others, as appropriate, of the public health and environmental consequences, direct and indirect, immediate and remote, of projects in which I am involved, consistent with both standards of practice in industry and government, as well as laws and regulations that currently exist.
3. Comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and standards.
4. Hold paramount the health, safety, and welfare of the public, speaking out against abuses of the public interest that I may encounter in my professional activities, as deemed appropriate per professional standards and existing laws and regulations.
5. Inform the public about technological developments, the alternatives they make feasible, and possible associated problems wherever known.
6. Keep my professional skills up to date and endeavor to be aware of current events, as well as environmental and societal issues pertinent to my work.
7. Exercise honesty, objectivity, and diligence in the performance of all my professional duties and responsibilities.
8. Accurately describe my qualifications for proposed projects or assignments.
9. Act as a faithful agent or trustee in business or professional matters, provided such actions conform to other parts of this code.
10. Keep information on the business affairs or technical processes of an employer or client in confidence while employed and later, as required by contract or applicable laws, until such information is properly released and provided such confidentiality conforms with legal requirements and other parts of this code.
11. Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose those known that cannot be avoided.

12. Seek, accept, and offer honest professional criticism, properly credit others for their contributions, and never claim credit for work I have not done.
13. Treat co-workers, colleagues, and associates with respect and respect their privacy.
14. Encourage the professional growth of colleagues, co-workers, and subordinates.
15. Report, publish, and disseminate information freely, subject to legal and reasonable proprietary or privacy restraints, provided such restraints conform to other parts of this code and do not unduly impact public health, safety, and welfare.
16. Promote health and safety in all work situations.
17. Encourage and support adherence to this code, never giving directions that could cause others to compromise their professional responsibilities.