



## ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Augusta Resource Corporation is committed to protecting the environment, as well as the health and safety of its employees, contractors and vendors, and the communities in which we work. We are committed to providing products and services that are environmentally sound throughout their life cycle. All aspects of our business will be managed in a safe and environmentally-responsible manner, consistent both with good business practices that provide a competitive return on investment and the principle set forth in this policy.

### **Management Commitment**

All levels of Augusta Resource Corporation management commit to the development, implementation, maintenance and continual improvement of the environmental, health, and safety programs. We believe it is the responsibility of management to set the expectations and assure adherence to company policy, and we will act accordingly. Augusta Resource Corporation's management will ensure that environmental policies, programs, and performance standards are an integral part of our planning and decision-making.

### **Health and Safety**

Augusta Resource Corporation places concern for the health and safety of our employees and the communities in which we work at the forefront of our policies and decisions. Augusta Resource will provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions and will follow operating procedures that safeguard employees, contractors, vendors and the communities in which we work. We will provide health and safety programs that are consistent with the highest standards of professional practice.

### **Pollution Prevention**

Augusta Resource Corporation will identify, evaluate, and implement opportunities for pollution prevention. This will be accomplished by reducing the use of hazardous materials; reducing the generation of hazardous waste; encouraging solid waste recycling and the purchase of recycled materials; and the use of appropriate controls.

### **Compliance**

Augusta Resource Corporation will comply with applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations. We shall consider compliance with the law to be the minimum standards. Employees are responsible and accountable for compliance and have an obligation to bring issues forward to management for resolution. Augusta Resource Corporation will contribute constructively to shape public policy that is based on sound business principles and realistically achievable goals.

### **Planning and Assessment**

Augusta Resource Corporation will integrate environmental, health, and safety considerations into our business using the innovation, creativity, and ingenuity of our employees. Capital projects and operating plans will be reviewed by Augusta Resource Corporation management in terms of this policy and in concert with the objectives and targets developed as a result of the policy. Appropriate programs will be implemented, maintained, and internally evaluated to ensure consistency with this policy.

This policy is available to the public and will be provided to all Augusta Resource Corporation employees via written communication, meetings and/or other media or forums. We require employees at all levels to follow environmental, health, and safety procedures appropriate to their function, and we encourage employees to participate proactively in our environmental, health, and safety programs. We will inform contractor and visitors of this policy and require compliance while within an Augusta Resource Corporation facility and when performing work for Augusta Resource Corporation.

*Approved by the Board of Directors of  
Augusta Resource Corporation on November 13, 2009*