

Chapter 100 Purpose and overview

The *Environmental Manual* M 31-11 and the WSDOT [Environmental Guidance](#) webpages support WSDOT [Environmental Policy Statement](#) and our Stewardship Agreement with FHWA. It also provides guidance for compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations for all phases of project delivery and our Stewardship Agreement with FHWA.

Exhibit 100-1 identifies the major planning, engineering, and environmental activities associated with each phase of the project delivery.

Policy, Procedures, and Workforce Development (PPWD) are foundational to all Environmental work we do at WSDOT. The *Environmental Manual* explains what the Environmental Policies are and why they are important. This manual points to where the Environmental procedures live on both the [Protecting the Environment](#) and [Environmental Guidance](#) webpages. The procedures explain how to implement the Environmental Policies. Workforce Development efforts ensure that those employees who are responsible for managing, supervising, and performing environmental work can effectively implement WSDOT's environmental policies and procedures and also track and fulfill all environmental commitments.

This manual and the supporting webpages apply to state owned and operated facilities. The intended users are WSDOT staff and consultants working on WSDOT projects. Local governments and transit agencies may also use this guidance in accordance with the [Local Agency Guidelines](#) M 36-63.

This manual and supporting WSDOT webpages replace all previous editions. Updating guidance material is a continuous process due to the ever-changing nature of environmental laws and regulations. It is the user's responsibility to use the most current information available.

Comments and suggestions for improving the manual are welcome. Contact the WSDOT *Environmental Manual* [Coordinator](#).

