

ACI-NA Environmental Goals



The Environmental Affairs Committee has undertaken an initiative to revise the [ACI-NA Environmental Goals originally developed in 2008](#). The purpose of this initiative is to better align ACI-NA's Environmental Goals with broader industry activities, ACI World policies and our own members' priorities. The updated goals contain high level, aspirational goal statements with specific suggested actions that airports and ACI-NA can take to help meet these goals, and are intended to preserve flexibility for airports to determine their own targets and priorities. The short goal statements are listed below, with the more extensive goal documents available on our website. Each goal document is also intended to serve as a resource for members and contains extensive background material. The ACI-NA Board of Directors approved these updated goals at the 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition.



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions: ACI-NA member airports will develop and implement a greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction management program/plan for the purpose of assessing, minimizing and mitigating GHG emissions under their direct control, and encouraging stakeholders at the airport to also assess, minimize and mitigate their GHG emissions. An airport operator's long term goal should be to achieve carbon neutral growth for emissions under their direct control.



Noise: ACI-NA member airports will minimize or mitigate the adverse effects of aircraft noise on their local communities by developing and implementing an airport-specific aircraft noise management program/plan (NMP).



Compatible Land Use: ACI-NA member airports will promote compatible land uses around airports and develop a proactive means of communication between airports, local governments and nearby communities to ensure the long-term viability of the airport and opportunities for growth.



Management of Deicers: ACI-NA member airports will evaluate their aircraft and pavement deicing management programs and where practical will implement refinements to further reduce the discharge of spent deicers to the environment.



Local Air Quality: ACI-NA member airports will reduce local air pollutant emissions under their direct control, while encouraging other aviation stakeholders at the airport to assess, minimize and mitigate their local air pollutant emissions.



Energy Conservation: ACI-NA member airports will develop an energy management program or plan in order to minimize the energy demand of their infrastructure and operations, and move towards less polluting modes of energy and fuel use, including generating and using energy from renewable sources.



Water Use Efficiency: ACI-NA member airports will improve their water use efficiency through water management programs to include specific conservation or reduction goals, strategies and best practices.



Solid Waste Reduction: ACI-NA member airports will minimize or avoid waste generation, and extract maximum value from residual waste streams, for example by recycling, composting or converting waste to energy.



Environmental Management Systems: ACI-NA member airports will implement a systematic approach, such as an environmental management system (EMS) and/or a sustainability management plan, to improve their environmental performance.