



Climate Responsible Energy Policy

Abbott recognizes that the consumption of energy by our operations and our global supply chain, particularly energy derived from fossil fuels, is directly related to greenhouse gas emissions and to potential adverse effects on the global climate. We now also know that the implications of climate change will affect other parts of our complex ecosystem that we are just beginning to understand. These impacts range from the loss of biodiversity of species, to climate-related changes in patterns of public health -- two examples with long-term implications to our core businesses. And there are many other examples.

In addition, climate change has the potential to affect businesses in many ways. For example, extreme weather patterns and water scarcity may pose challenges for material sourcing and product manufacturing and distribution, while a more carbon-constrained world could add to energy costs. Additionally, climate change could lead to significant changes in the global disease burden.

This Policy identifies a consistent approach and required action by Abbott businesses – to use energy responsibly, mitigate risks associated with climate change, and to help society adapt to the climatic changes already under way. Our largest opportunities to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions under our direct control are improving energy efficiency within our facilities and supply chain, increasing the use of renewable or low carbon energy sources, and improving the efficiency of vehicles owned or leased by Abbott. We understand that conserving energy used to discover, manufacture, and transport our products provides our best opportunity to contribute to a solution.

As a global healthcare company, we are committed to making a positive difference, using energy responsibly and therefore addressing climate change in various ways. For example, finding innovative, progressive approaches to reducing our impact through manufacturing, reducing indirect impacts across our value chain, and continually challenging ourselves to perform better by establishing absolute reduction goals are some of the ways we will act.

Government and policymakers also have an important role to play in addressing global climate change. We believe that carefully crafted public policies that enhance competitiveness and sustainable development are needed to help guide future energy transitions.

Abbott businesses will adopt and implement this Policy by establishing Climate Responsible Energy Long Range Plans. These plans shall address each Key Energy Initiative and include strategies, objectives, responsibilities, actions and goals.

It is within this context that Abbott is committed to manage our current and future energy needs in a Climate Responsible manner.

Abbott Actions:

We will explore and focus our efforts thru the following Key Energy Initiatives:

- **Increasing energy efficiency**
Analysis demonstrates that our greatest opportunities to reduce direct impacts are rooted in improving energy efficiency. We will promote additional energy efficiency and cogeneration projects in our research, manufacturing, and distribution facilities as it makes sense to do so.
- **Investing in low carbon energy**
Building on our existing renewable energy capacity, we will increase the amount of energy we consume from low carbon sources, in some cases procuring energy from renewable sources and at other times switching to cleaner fossil fuel energy.
- **Transportation**
We will promote additional energy efficiency within our vehicle fleet.
- **Encouraging a lower carbon footprint within our supply chain**
We will encourage companies within our supply chain to conserve natural resources and energy and improve energy efficiency.
- **Sharing and learning**
We will participate in the global dialogue about climate change and offer our actions as examples of progressive solutions. We will promote increased learning and best practice sharing internally and with knowledgeable stakeholders and business partners. And, we will work with the communities in which we operate to educate and promote climate responsible energy practices.
- **Reporting our progress**
We will set goals, measure performance, and publicly report our progress.