

AT&T Statement on Lead-Acid Batteries

In our increasingly connected world, AT&T's responsible management of its network, products and services can provide environmental benefits and help promote more sustainable decisions by AT&T's stakeholders. As part of this effort, AT&T is minimizing its own environmental impact by reducing waste and managing the handling of exhausted materials in an appropriate and responsible manner.

AT&T uses lead-acid batteries in its operations, mostly for back-up power systems for network facilities. These batteries are necessary to deliver services to our customers and ensure network reliability and, at the end of life, can be recycled and re-used. Concerns were previously raised about exports of lead-acid batteries from the United States to recycling operations in Mexico and other countries, where lower standards can have a significant impact on environmental safety and public health.

Recognizing these concerns, AT&T continues to reduce use of vendors that may export lead-acid batteries that have been used in our network facilities for disposition and recycling. Specifically, it remains AT&T's intent:

- To prohibit suppliers contracted to manage its lead-acid batteries used for backup power at our network facilities from shipping such batteries outside the United States for recycling or other disposition.
- To require suppliers contracted to manage its lead-acid batteries used for backup power at our network facilities to maintain appropriate records to demonstrate safe shipping, handling and recycling of such batteries.
- To monitor such suppliers to ensure they understand and comply with the above requirements.

AT&T seeks to live up to the highest standards of ethics, integrity and responsibility in its own operations and the work by suppliers on its behalf. AT&T is committed to do business with suppliers, third parties and business partners that enhance AT&T's level of service, provide products and services of quality, and share its commitments to human rights, and ethical and sustainable business practices. The company's core values are reflected in its global Code of Business Conduct, and these commitments are affirmed in its Human Rights policy and Principles of Conduct for Suppliers. Additionally, AT&T outlines its overarching commitment to the environment, health and safety through its Environment, Health & Safety Policy.

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