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## Environmental Commitment

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With the largest regional airline operations in the United States, SkyWest remains committed to, and understands, our responsibility to minimize our impact on the environment. SkyWest's leaders, employees, and contractors are accountable for conducting our operation in an environmentally sustainable manner.

SkyWest is committed to:

- Complying with all environmental laws and regulations
- In the absence of governmental regulation, SkyWest is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner
- Setting environmental performance goals and continually improving environmental performance
- Preventing pollution, where possible, and if not possible, then establishing mitigation programs to minimize the environmental impact
- Using natural resources efficiently
- Conducting environmental compliance and Environmental Management System audits of performance and practices to ensure compliance
- Engaging with external stakeholders to discuss commercially viable solutions to environmental problems
- Reporting on environmental performance
- Business Partner shall maintain an effective environmental policy and/or environmental management system In addition to meeting legal and regulatory requirements, SkyWest expects Business Partners to pursue proactive efforts to minimize the impact of waste materials on the environment through effective controls and recycling initiatives

Our success depends on our ability to continue to work together to strengthen and execute on existing environmental strategy.

## Green House Gas Emissions Commitment and Strategy for Improving Fuel Economy

SkyWest's primary impact to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is the result of burning of jet fuel. SkyWest is committed to reducing our rates of carbon emissions by participation in the Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

SkyWest began participation in CORSIA in 2019 as part of a world wide effort to reduce industry carbon impact. The intent of CORSIA is to mitigate carbon emission growth in the industry through the monitoring of emissions and the purchase of carbon offsets.

Beginning in 2021 SkyWest will purchase carbon offsets proportional to SkyWest contribution of carbon emission growth, year over year. This program has standardized oversight by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Our goal is to have carbon-neutral growth beginning in 2021 and industry standard goal of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50% of what they were in 2005, by 2050. The strategy for accomplishing this goal includes:

- Modernizing the SkyWest fleet by increasing the compliment of fuel efficient aircraft including next gen Bombardier CRJ aircraft and Embraer 175s.
- Continuing to reduce fuel burn per flight through improved flight operational strategies and flight planning
- Using satellite-based navigation aids (RNP) to fly more efficient direct routes

- Build all new and remodel existing facilities with carbon emissions reduction a priority
- Use low emission ground support equipment where practical, including reallocation of electric powered to replace gas powered units and using data to minimize operating periods for gas powered equipment.

## Clean Air and EPA Compliance

- SkyWest complies with, and is committed to exceeding where possible, compliance under the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean Air Act (CAA), Title 40 CFR Part 63.743 Protection of Environment Standards and programs specific to state regulations, programs and measures.
- SkyWest has established management and accountability of its systems through documented standard practices regarding Clean Air Act Compliance, Discharge Response, and Dangerous Goods & Hazardous Materials. Responsibility and authority is documented and demonstrated through the organizational structure including the Managing Director of Safety and Manager Ground Safety and Emergency Response whom are responsible for SkyWest environmental policies, procedures and processes including review and update as appropriate.
- SkyWest expects and ensures through established auditing procedures that vendors and suppliers have demonstrated their accountability and compliance to all state and federal standards, regulations, programs and measures and that each have a stated environmental policy.

## Flight Operations and Planning

- Collaboration with Air Traffic Control to ensure efficient aircraft routing between airports when practical which leads to fuel conservation and reductions in emissions.
- SkyWest maintains a statistical contingency fuel (SCF) program to aid dispatchers and flight crews during fuel planning for each flight. The SkyWest SCF program analyzes specific route data, multiple historical data points, and year over year comparisons. By adhering to SCF for fuel planning, SkyWest minimizes unnecessary fuel consumption and emissions associated with carrying excess fuel.
- Bi-annual training for our dispatchers and flight planners on fuel planning and fuel conservation
- Continue fuel trend monitoring and concerted effort to increase fuel burn accuracy during flight planning.
- SkyWest is an active participant in the ICAO CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) program. This program is designed to offset emission increase through the purchasing of carbon offsets. SkyWest is currently meeting all reporting deadlines associated with CORSIA.
- Where possible, SkyWest reduces the use of fuel through single engine taxi.
- When practical at the gate, we use ground power for our aircraft rather than gas powerunits.
- SkyWest actively participate in noise abatement air traffic procedures across the country.

## Green Initiatives at SkyWest and SkyWest Facilities

- SkyWest participates in In-Flight recycling programs with our airline partners including recycling of aluminum cans, cold and hot cups, plastics, and snack box containers. SkyWest Airlines also performs a 'recycle sort' event with partner Alaska where all trash collected from one day of flying are separated from rubbish, exceeding the set goal of 85% recyclable items appropriately sorted by all flight attendants.
- SkyWest has worked aggressively to reduce our reliance on paper manuals, forms and documents, reducing waste. We have converted all company manuals to electronic format, and in 2018 became the first airline to convert all aircraft maintenance logs into electronic form, further eliminating unnecessary waste while increasing efficiencies.

- Since 2015, our recycling initiatives at headquarters has kept as estimated 56 tons worth of paper, plastic and other recyclables out of landfills.
- Active initiatives to transition from florescent, incandescent and halogen lighting to LED.
  - Current efforts have already reduced SkyWest headquarters energy usage by approximately 60%. We have transitioned from halogen lighting in parking areas to LED in 2019, which is expected to reduce parking lot energy use by 70%.
  - Hangar floor lighting has been changed to LED in four large hangars.
  - Construction of the most recent three hangars included LED lighting and smart switching.
- Scheduled to upgrade our HVAC equipment at end of life at our headquarters and currently upgrading all software for more efficient heating and cooling
- Oil reclamation programs at all maintenance bases and replacing end of life gas powered ground service equipment with battery and propane powered equipment.