First Solar Corporate Sustainability Policy

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar energy solutions and is committed to conducting its business in a sustainable manner – environmentally, socially, and financially.

Our vision is to lead the world’s sustainable energy future and our sustainability mission is to lead by example and empower the next generation. We provide the industry’s most eco-efficient PV energy solutions which generate more solar electricity at a competitive cost and with the smallest environmental impacts on a lifecycle basis.

First Solar is committed to minimizing the environmental impacts and enhancing the social and economic benefits of our products and projects across their life cycle, from raw material sourcing through product end-of-life. Our priorities and guiding principles include:

- Manufacturing modules that create clean, affordable electricity, allowing us to realize the benefits of electrification without the adverse environmental impacts of conventional fossil fuel energy sources.
- Operating world-class manufacturing facilities, applying responsible PV power plant construction practices and maintaining environmental, health and safety programs and policies that protect the environment and ensure the safety of our associates and the communities in which we operate.
- Measuring, tracking and reporting on a number of sustainability performance metrics including our recordable injury rate, energy and water use, waste generation, and greenhouse gas emissions as part of our commitment to transparency.
- Contributing to a circular economy by operating an industry leading module recycling program as part of our commitment to responsible product life cycle management.
- Engaging with suppliers on responsible and sustainable raw material sourcing as part of our commitment to operating a supply chain free of conflict minerals.
- Participating as a responsible citizen in the communities where we operate.
- Creating enduring economic value by implementing a long-term roadmap to achieve our technology and cost leadership goals while operating as efficiently as we can in each environment where we do business.