



## **GREEN AUDIT: NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

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The study determined how Northwestern University played its role in environmental protection. Specifically, the policies, operations, academic and institutional plans related to environmental protection were investigated and responses of the different sectors (students, academic, and non-academic) were compared. Data were gathered using a questionnaire and were statistically analysed.

The school's policy consisting of general policies, provisions pertaining to personnel, and purchasing procedures were rated satisfactory. The operational system particularly the judicious use of lights and conservation of electricity was assessed to be very satisfactory. The implemented operational procedures in building and grounds, wise use of office machines and equipment, paper consumption, water conservation and general waste management were satisfactory; but canteen operation and air quality were unsatisfactory. The respondents rated as satisfactory the inclusion of environmental themes in classroom activities and in the learning process.

The institutional plans regarding policy making, operational system, and the inclusion of environmental protection in the academics were rated satisfactory. The t-test analysis revealed a significant difference in the responses of the three sectors of Northwestern University regarding provisions and integration of environmental protection in the policy, operations academic and institutional plans of the institution. Students' perceptions were rated higher than the academic and non-academic personnel's perceptions.

