



Hello Arul Devendran,

Earlier this year, the Wikimedia Foundation's Board of Trustees approved a resolution outlining a mandate for the Foundation's environmental impact.[1] As a part of our implementation of this resolution, we would like to share the Board's guidance with you, and learn more about your current environmental impact as well as your plans for the future.

The Wikimedia Foundation's environmental impact commitment includes an "aim to always act responsibly and sustainably as possible, including favoring renewable energy for our operations," and the following specific actions:

1. We will seek to minimize our overall impact on the environment;
2. We will consider sustainability as an important part of decisions around servers, operations, travel, offices, and other procurement;
3. We will use green energy where it is available and financially prudent; and
4. Starting in 2018, we will include an environmental impact statement in our annual plan.

To assist our efforts to plan our long-term implementation of this mandate, we are reaching out to each of our hosting providers to learn:

1. Do you currently produce an environmental impact statement (EIS), including information about the Ashburn DC?
2. If not, do you plan to produce an EIS in the future? If so, how often do you plan to update this statement in the future?
3. Would you be able to share information from any current and future environmental impact statements with the Wikimedia Foundation? May we share this information with our community on our Sustainability Initiative web page?[2]
4. Have you been recognized by any regulatory agency for green procurement or sustainability efforts?
5. What are your current sources of energy, broken down by percentage, for the

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Ashburn DC?

6. What are your plans for energy sourcing and information about that in the future (specifically over the next 3-5 years)?
7. Are there any services or options you offer which we should consider as we prepare our plans for decreasing our environmental impact over the next 3-5 years?
8. Can you provide any other information related to the environmental sustainability efforts of your organization and the Ashburn DC?

To help us prepare our plans in time for upcoming deadlines, we are requesting all our hosting vendors please respond as best they can by 1 December 2017 at the latest. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and please contact us with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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[1] https://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Resolution:Environmental_Impact

[2] https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Sustainability_Initiative

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