

## Statement of Purpose

*Our commitment towards environmentally cleaner manufacturing*

At ARTCO one of our priority goals is to improve our manufacturing procedures and better manage our use of energy and natural resources. We are focused on continuing our progress towards becoming a “greener” company while reducing our carbon footprint.

Listed below are the current programs and procedures we have adopted:

### Raw materials:

**Paper** – our largest product resource - we are proud to be an FSC certified printer and a Chain-of-Custody (COC) partner with our paper merchants/mills.

**Ink** - all of our inks are either vegetable or soy based and not petroleum based.

### Recycling:

All waste paper, plates and film are recycled and our chemical and ink waste are properly disposed of by a waste management/recovery company.

Our water purification/filtration system which supplies all of our printing presses improves the efficiency of the printing process and also enables us to employ a closed-loop recovery system which totally eliminates the need to flush the system and dispose of waste water.

### Carbon Footprint:

Efficiency lighting is employed throughout the plant including all manufacturing departments.

Air-recycling captures vented air from our paper waste recycling system and returns clean filtered air to the manufacturing departments improving the efficiency of our heating & AC systems and reducing the cost of these systems.

Recently we have added a capacitor storage system to our electric service which redirects wasted electricity back thru the lines thus improving the efficiency of all of our motors to 90 – 95 percent.

All of our landscape lighting is solar powered.

ARTCO is proud of its efforts at being a good steward of our natural resources and is constantly researching better ways to expand our “green” initiative and continue to reduce our carbon footprint.