



Our Cleveland Works facility overlooking downtown Cleveland, Ohio

Aligning to the Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for the long-term sustainability of our planet and its people. The core of this Agenda are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs call for the widespread mobilization of governments, businesses and civil society to address an array of global challenges, including climate change, clean water, food shortages, inequality and poverty. Cleveland-Cliffs believes our business activities contribute to achieving progress on several of the SDGs. Through alignment with the following SDGs and their respective targets, Cliffs seeks to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and to drive meaningful impact toward achieving the SDGs.

SDG	ALIGNMENT	REPORT SECTION
Good Health & Well-Being	Cliffs goes beyond environmental compliance to proactively reduce GHG and air emissions, and we are a responsible steward of our water and land resources.	Environmental Management ; Climate & GHG Emissions ; Air Quality ; Water & Wastewater ; Land Management & Biodiversity .
Quality Education	Cliffs provides many opportunities for personal and professional development and skill-building, not just for our own employees but for prospective employees and the communities in which we operate.	Talent Management ; Labor Relations ; Community Engagement .
Affordable & Clean Energy	In addition to reducing our GHG emissions and improving energy efficiency, we partner with business partners, government agencies, NGOs and academia to advance research and development of clean energy technology.	Sustainable Steel ; Partnerships & Collaborations ; Climate & GHG Emissions ; Energy .
Decent Work & Economic Growth	Cliffs is constantly innovating its products and processes through research and development, and customer and partner collaboration. As a vertically integrated iron and steelmaking company, we responsibly manage our materials consumption and wastes. Additionally, we strive to provide well-paying jobs and meaningful work to our current and prospective employees, including providing apprenticeships and internships for students and young adults.	Sustainable Steel ; Waste & Hazardous Materials ; Value Chain Management ; Talent Management ; Labor Relations .

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Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure	Cliffs continuously identifies ways to improve the efficiency of our facilities and ensure the long-term sustainability of our operations, including upgrading and retrofitting existing equipment; exploring new industrial-scale technologies; and responsibly consuming our vertically integrated raw materials. To sustain our business long-term, we actively recruit and retain talent by providing industry-leading, well-paying jobs and skill-building opportunities.	Sustainable Steel ; Climate & GHG Emissions ; Energy ; Talent Management ; Labor Relations .
Sustainable Cities & Communities	Cliffs is committed to reducing our GHG emissions 25% by 2030 from 2017 levels. We also responsibly manage our wastes to mitigate our potential environmental impacts. These commitments enable the long-term sustainability of our local communities.	Sustainable Steel ; Climate & GHG Emissions ; Air Quality ; Waste & Hazardous Materials .
Responsible Consumption & Production	A critical component of Cliffs' business strategy is responsible management of our raw materials and resources. We strive to reduce our wastes, and we encourage our business partners to adopt sustainable practices that align with our strategy. Cliffs remains committed to supplier diversity and engages in responsible sourcing practices. We are committed to reporting our progress via our annual sustainability report.	Sustainable Steel ; Our Sustainability Priorities ; Waste & Hazardous Materials ; Value Chain Management ; Public Policy & Advocacy .
Climate Action	In addition to reducing our GHG emissions, we partner with like-minded organizations to advocate for beneficial climate change strategies.	Sustainable Steel ; Climate & GHG Emissions ; Public Policy & Advocacy .
Life on Land	Cliffs is a responsible steward of our natural resources and mindful of the areas surrounding our operations. We take daily actions to mitigate our potential impacts on the local environment and we take seriously our social license to operate.	Water & Wastewater ; Land Management & Biodiversity .
Partnerships for the Goals	Cliffs is committed to reporting our sustainability progress through our annual sustainability report (aligned to GRI, SASB and TCFD) as well as multi-stakeholder monitoring frameworks such as CDP. Additionally, we will continue to partner with like-minded organizations to advocate for public policy that is beneficial to our industry.	Partnerships & Collaborations ; About this Report ; Public Policy & Advocacy .