Pfizer is committed to a sustainable future. We take an entrepreneurial approach to sustainability practices that produce measurable value for society and our business by reducing our reliance on energy and water and looking for innovative ways to better manage waste.

Our “green journey” program and our environmental sustainability goals focus on three areas that are core to our business: mitigating climate change and its impacts, minimizing the environmental impact of our products, and managing water resources sustainably.

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION: As a science-based health care company, Pfizer has long recognized the potential for harm caused by climate change; for example, rising sea levels, fresh water scarcity, severe weather events, and public health issues. Anthropogenic carbon emissions are thought by climate scientists to be a significant reason for the observed changes in the earth’s atmosphere and climate. Our 2020 goal is aimed at reducing our carbon footprint to levels the scientific community indicates are needed on a global basis to achieve long term sustainability, building on our successful past reductions of 20% from 2000 to 2007, and 25% from 2007 to 2012.

WASTE: To drive efficiencies in resource use, we are setting targets for waste reduction; using waste minimization, re-use, and recycling to reduce the use of virgin resources. Where there is no option but to dispose, we will strive for the most environmentally sound disposal methods.

WATER: Water is fundamental to health, a valuable natural resource, and a critical material used in all phases of pharmaceutical manufacturing. Although a relatively small portion of our water usage occurs in water scarce localities, Pfizer is committed to reducing water use wherever possible, particularly where water is scarce. We will ensure that our water use does not adversely impact the communities where we operate, for example by diminishing supplies or degrading the quality of clean water.

SUPPLY CHAIN: Our carbon, waste and water goals speak to improvements in operations under our direct control. However, we have a significant and wide reaching supply chain. To realize our vision of reducing environmental impact through the lifecycle of our products, we must involve our supply chain partners in our environmental sustainability program.

PFIZER’S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM’S PUBLIC GOALS

Compared with a 2012 baseline, by the end of 2020 Pfizer will:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20%
- reduce the amount of waste disposed by 15%
- reduce water withdrawal by 5% (excluding non-contact cooling water)

This year, Pfizer will announce targets that will result in meaningful environmental improvement across our supply chain by the end of 2020.