

# Northern Plains Area Environmental Management System Policy Statement

The NPA will integrate environmental stewardship into its operations, and will manage its operations and programs in a manner that protects the environment, the safety and health of its employees, and the public. To ensure continuous improvement, the program will be reviewed and evaluated annually.

In support of this policy, the NPA will:

- Comply fully with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- An Area EMS team will be formed to plan the EMS implementation. The Area EMS manager will lead the Environmental Management System (EMS) Program team. Team members will be from each location and will meet monthly by teleconference.
- Locations may use location safety committees to accomplish EMS activities.
- All appropriate staff members will be trained on all applicable laws and regulations.
- Use cost-effective practices to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Use environmentally preferred materials if those materials meet technical specifications.
- Establish appropriate objectives and performance indicators to guide and measure the effectiveness of our environmental management programs.
- Provide environmental management training.
- Reduce the amount of waste at our facilities, reuse and recycle whenever possible, and support pollution prevention.
- Monitor and report our environmental performance through annual environmental performance reviews.
- Maintain or improve all property under the stewardship of the NPA (including land, water, wildlife, and natural resources) in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Develop and support energy conservation practices.



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