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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS DIRECTIVE	2780.1	1/18/01
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT FSIS FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

This directive:

- A. Identifies the Federal environmental statutes and E.O.'s that apply to FSIS facilities. ■
- B. Sets forth Agency * * * responsibilities for compliance with these statutes and orders at existing and planned facilities.

II. CANCELLATION

This directive cancels FSIS Directive 1080.1, dated 10/26/93. ■

III. REASON FOR REISSUANCE

This directive is reissued to:

- A. Update Agency responsibilities for environmental management issues and delete detailed summaries of Federal Environmental Statutes and E.O.'s. ■
DM 5600-1 contains this information. ■
- B. Reflect a numbering change in the subject classification for environmental management from the 1000-1999 series (Organization and Authorities) to the 2000-2999 series (Administrative Services). ■

IV. REFERENCES

FSIS Laboratory Environmental, Health and Safety Handbook ■
DM 5600-1, Environmental Pollution, Prevention, Control, and Abatement Manual
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DISTRIBUTION:

All Offices (Except Circuit Supervisors
and Below)

OPI:

ASD – Environmental, Health and Safety
Branch

V. ABBREVIATIONS AND FORMS

The following will appear in their shortened form in this directive:

ASD * * *	Administrative Services Division	
DM	Departmental Manual	
E.O.	Executive Order	
EPA * * *	Environmental Protection Agency	
GSA * * *	General Services Administration	
OPHS	Office of Public Health and Science	■

VI. DEFINITIONS

A. **FSIS Facilities.** For the purpose of this directive, FSIS-leased buildings or buildings owned by other Federal agencies or private entities that FSIS occupies by permit. ■ ■ ■

B. **Environmental Inspection.** A systematic, documented, periodic, and objective review of facility operations and practices for compliance with environmental management rules and regulations. Environmental inspections may include a variety of compliance assessment techniques for identifying actual and potential environmental problems. Effective environmental inspections may result not only in higher levels of overall compliance, but also reduced risk to human health and the environment.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Federal environmental statutes require U.S. Government facilities to comply not only with Federal laws and regulations but also with State and local pollution control requirements. Federal agencies must comply with State and local environmental requirements and incorporate such requirements into environmental management programs. In many instances, State and local regulations are more stringent than EPA requirements, and Federal facilities within those jurisdictions are required to comply with them.

B. E.O. 12088 requires that Federal agencies cooperate and consult with State and local agencies in the prevention, control, and abatement of environmental pollution. This is particularly important since EPA has delegated or approved pollution control program administration authority in qualified States for many programs. States with delegated or authorized programs are primarily responsible for ensuring Federal facility compliance and enforcement of Federal environmental requirements and any additional applicable State requirements. This may include Federal payment of fees to the State for administration of environmental enforcement programs.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES

DM 5600-1, Chapter 1 outlines the various statutes and E.O.'s that convey Federally mandated requirements concerning the environment. States authorized to administer pollution control programs may require more stringent environmental compliance in their jurisdiction.

IX. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. ASD.

1. Assures that adequate environmental pollution control features exist for all FSIS facilities ***.

2. Coordinates with GSA or other leasing agencies to assure that environmental assessments and analyses *** are conducted to determine if proposed FSIS facilities and installations could have a detrimental impact on the environment. ***

3. Assures that environmental impact statements or negative declarations on proposed facilities have been prepared, if appropriate. ■ ■

4. Verifies that permits for new or existing facilities and equipment are obtained from proper authorities. ***

5. Assures that periodic onsite environmental inspections and audits are conducted to identify actual or potential sources of pollution and to determine if proper procedures are followed in the management and disposal of hazardous waste.

B. Laboratory Directors.

1. Comply with policies and standard operating procedures for the management and disposal of hazardous waste as described in the FSIS Laboratory Environmental, Health and Safety Handbook. ■ ■

2. Obtain advice and assistance from ASD and OPHS for problems arising in the management and disposal of hazardous waste. ■

for Deputy Administrator
Office of Management