



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Environmental Policy

It is the New England Regional Laboratory's (NERL) policy to integrate environmental stewardship into all of our operations within our defined fence line. We will manage our organizations and our programs in a manner that protects the environment, the safety of our employees, and public health.

In support of this policy, the managers and staff of NERL commit to:

- Comply fully with the letter and spirit of all applicable Federal, State, local environmental laws, Federal Executive Orders, and applicable policies.
- Work to continually improve the effectiveness of our environmental management system (EMS), and ensure that this Environmental Policy is documented, implemented and maintained within the scope of our EMS.
- Provide a framework for our EMS using cross-functional team and engaging senior management for establishing and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.
- Continue to prevent pollution before it is produced, reduce the amount of waste at our facility, and re-use and recycle whenever possible.
- Provide appropriate environmental training and educate employees to be environmentally responsible on the job.
- Work to continually improve our environmental performance by establishing and periodically reviewing our environmental performance goals, and monitor our environmental performance regularly through rigorous evaluations.
- Evaluate environmental factors and the full acquisition, use and disposal costs when making planning, purchasing, and operating decisions.
- Use our natural resources (e.g., energy, fuel and water) efficiently throughout our operations.
- Share information on our Environmental Policy and performance with the public and work cooperatively with the local community and other stakeholders to further common environmental objectives.
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout our organization.
- Revisit this Policy and the EMS during the Management Review to make any necessary revisions due to operational changes, organizational priorities or environmental improvements.


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