

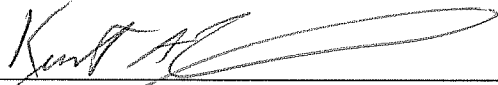
NCAH Environmental Management System Policy Statement

The NCAH, comprised of its member facilities, the NVSL, CVB and NADC, are committed to protecting human health and the environment and to becoming leaders in resource stewardship. The NCAH maintain a policy of conducting their activities in a manner that is environmentally and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient and sustainable. It is the intent of the NCAH Board of Directors that a NCAH Environmental Management System (EMS) be updated and implemented for the NCAH as a whole, to include each of the member facilities as appropriate, to meet these goals. The NCAH EMS Policy Statement is based on the requirements found in Executive Order (EO) 13423, "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management," the ISO 14001 International Standard, the ARS Environmental Management System Policy Statement, and the APHIS Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment to Environmental Excellence.

In order to protect human health and the environment and to become leaders in environmental stewardship through excellence in environmental, transportation and energy-related activities, it is the policy of NCAH to:

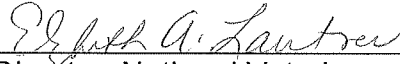
- Comply with applicable Federal, State and local environmental laws, regulations, widely accepted industry standards, codes and guidelines, Federal Executive Orders, and Department of Agriculture, ARS and APHIS agency published policies and procedures;
- Utilize pollution prevention and conservation initiatives as the preferred means for improving environmental stewardship and reducing energy use, when feasible;
- Develop annual goals, objectives and targets to encourage continuous improvement and to advance the EMS program performance in terms of both regulated and unregulated environmental and energy impacts;
- Consider environmental, energy and resource stewardship impacts when making policy, planning, purchasing, and operating decisions;
- Provide for a formal audit of the EMS program by an auditor independent of the NCAH EMS program at least once every three years and an annual informal audit in interim years to ensure conformance with all applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws, regulations, widely accepted industry standards, codes and guidelines and Federal Executive Order requirements, and if deficiencies are discovered, implement corrective actions in a timely manner and take steps to prevent recurrences of the deficiencies;
- Request the necessary resources to successfully implement the annual goals, objectives and targets of the EMS;
- Make personnel aware of their environmental and resource stewardship roles and responsibilities, provide appropriate training, hold employees accountable for their performance and actions, and recognize employees for outstanding performance;

- Effectively communicate with employees, partners, stakeholders, contractors, customers and the general public the NCAH's commitment to excellent environmental and resource stewardship and solicit input to develop and achieve EMS goals and objectives;
- Monitor and document environmental and resource stewardship at the NCAH to facilitate creation of annual EMS progress reports and demonstrate continuous environmental improvement and sustainable resource use;
- Designate the NCAH Environmental Protection Specialist(s) as the main location contact(s) responsible for implementation and management of the NCAH EMS program.



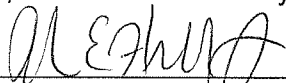
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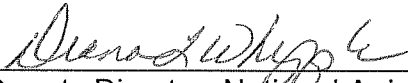
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