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Environmental Policy

"NCCOS will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and other requirements to conduct its activities in a safe and environmentally responsible manner."

To promote proactive environmental stewardship and prevention of pollution, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) will develop and implement an Environmental Management System (EMS). These Centers are committed to:

- Identify, manage, and periodically review aspects of its activities, products, and services that can have significant impacts on the environment;
- Employ source reduction and other pollution preventing approaches as practicable;
- Consider environmental factors in planning, purchasing, and operating decisions;
- Maintain a safe and healthy workplace;
- Communicate the NCCOS Environmental Policy to all employees and those who work on its behalf, and make it available to the public;
- Periodically sharing information on environmental performance with the public.
- Monitor the NCCOS EMS environmental performance through regular rigorous evaluations.

The EMS provides an efficient management structure to reinforce effective environmental performance evaluations, individual accountability, and commitment to continual improvement of environmental performance for the NCCOS environmental management system.

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- National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Headquarters (NCCOS HQ) – Silver Spring, MD
- Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research (CCFHR) - Beaufort, NC and Kasitsna Bay Laboratory, Seldovia, AK
- Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research (CCEHBR) - Charleston, SC and Oxford, MD
- Hollings Marine Laboratory (HML) - Charleston, SC
- Center for Sponsored coastal Ocean Research (CSCOR) - Silver Spring, MD
- Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment (CCMA) - Silver Spring, MD

