What we're doing to protect our workplace, our community and our environment.

NPARL EMS POLICY STATEMENT

Policy

The USDA- ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory, Sidney, MT (NPARL) will continue to integrate environmental stewardship into its operations. NPARL will manage its operations and programs in a manner that protects the environment and the safety and health of its employees, and the health of the public.

Implementation

In support of this policy, NPARL will:

- Comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Create and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) Committee, which will be led by the EMS Manager and EMS coordinator,, and will include Research Leaders from both units, Administrative Officer, Information Technology Specialist, Utility Systems Repair Operator, Purchasing Agent, and Technical Information Specialist.
- 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 for all staff.
- Reduce the amount of waste at our facility, reuse and recycle whenever possible, and support pollution prevention.
- Monitor and report our environmental performance through an annual self-audit.
- Maintain or improve all property under the stewardship of the NPARL (including land, water, wildlife, and natural resources) in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Develop and support energy conservation practices.

Environmental Management System Plan

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