

Northern Great Plains Research Lab Environmental Management System Policy Statement

Policy

The NGPRL will integrate environmental stewardship into its operations. The NGPRL will manage its operations and programs in a manner that protects the environment, the safety of its employees, and the health of the public.

Implementation

In support of this policy, the NGPRL will:

Comply fully with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations.

- An Environmental Management System (EMS) team will consist of the EMS coordinator, safety officer, and lab director; who will assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations for the NGPRL.
- All appropriate staff members will be trained on all applicable laws and regulations.

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 the NGPRL environmental management programs.

Provide environmental management training.

Reduce the amount of waste at the NGPRL, reuse and recycle whenever possible, and support pollution prevention.

Monitor and report NGPRL environmental performance through annual management reviews and internal EMS audits.

Maintain or improve all property under the stewardship of the NGPRL in an environmentally sensitive manner including land, water, wildlife, and natural resources.

Develop and support energy conservation practices.

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