

National Small Grain Germplasm Research Facility Environmental Management System Policy

The National Small Grains Germplasm Research Facility conducts research to develop solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority. In conjunction with this mission, we are committed to protecting human health and the environment; complying with Federal, Department of Agriculture, ARS, state and local laws, regulations, codes and guidelines; and employing sustainable pollution prevention practices. The EMS program is an integral part of the Safety, Health and Environmental Management program, under the direction of the EMS coordinator.

The EMS program strives to eliminate or minimize environmental risks by employment of effective management systems and procedures specifically designed to minimize or eliminate potential hazards to human health, safety and the environment. Standard operating procedures that address environmental significant aspects will be established and maintained.

Environmental management targets and goals will be set on a regular basis and will be revised as needed. Routine monitoring of environmental operations, periodic inspections, audits, reviews and documentation will aid in correcting identified deficiencies and in evaluating program effectiveness.

All personnel will be made aware of their environmental roles and responsibilities through appropriate training and will be held accountable for their performance, actions and environmental compliance.