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**Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory EMS Policy Statement**

The Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory (NWISRL) is committed to managing health, safety, and environmental matters as an integral part of our research. In particular, it is our policy to assure the Health, Safety & Environmental (HS&E) integrity of our processes and facilities at all times to the best of our ability. We do so by adhering to the following principles:

**Compliance**

NWISRL complies with all applicable laws and regulations and implements programs and procedures to assure compliance. Strict compliance with HS&E standards is a key ingredient in the training, performance reviews and incentives of all employees.

We will establish and meet our own HS&E quality standards where existing laws and regulations are not adequate to assure protection of human health, safety and the environment.

**Prevention**

NWISRL employs management systems and procedures specifically designed to prevent activities and or conditions that pose a threat to human health, safety or the environment. NWISRL minimizes risk and protects our employees and communities in which we operate by employing safe technologies and operating procedures, as well as being prepared for emergencies.

NWISRL strives to prevent the release of harmful materials into the atmosphere, land or water. NWISRL strives to minimize the amount and toxicity of waste generated and to ensure the safe treatment and disposal of waste.

**Communication**


NWISRL communicates our commitment to HS&E quality to our employees, vendors and customers. NWISRL solicits their input in meeting our HS&E goals and in turn works affirmatively to meet their goals.

**Continuous Improvement**

NWISRL will continuously seek opportunities to improve our adherence to these principles and will periodically report progress to our stakeholders.

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