

Region 6 Laboratory
Environmental Services Branch
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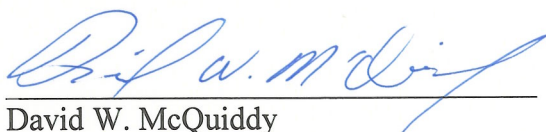
Environmental Policy Statement

The mission of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. In order to accomplish that mission, the Region 6 Laboratory recognizes that it is essential that Agency facilities set an example of environmental stewardship. The Region 6 Laboratory is committed to operating an effective Environmental Management System (EMS) as part of an integrated framework for sustainable environmental stewardship. The EMS is integrated with EPA's mission to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Our EMS will comply with all applicable environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and executive orders. In order to fulfill our mission, the charge to protect human health and the environment starts with our own employees, and, therefore, we establish the following policy.

With this policy, Region 6 Laboratory commits to implement a laboratory EMS that will utilize best practices to address continuing improvement and prevention of pollution. Since laboratories themselves can be substantial sources of pollution and hazardous waste production, the employees of this laboratory commit to the following environmental objectives:

- Ensure a commitment to comply with applicable legal requirements while conducting facility and mobile operations
- Strive to continuously improve environmental performance
- Employ source reduction and other pollution prevention approaches whenever practicable
- Consider environmental factors when making planning, purchasing and operating decisions
- Establish, track, and review specific environmental objectives and targets
- Promote employee awareness and involvement regarding environmental performance with all persons working for or on behalf of Region 6 Laboratory
- Communicate and reinforce our commitment to EMS with vendors, customers, and other government entities
- Make the policy available to the public

These goals are consistent with the Agency goals established by the EPA's Commitment to Environmental Management Systems (signed April 8, 2014). The Region 6 Laboratory will ensure this policy is documented, maintained, implemented, and reviewed for continuing suitability through periodic Management Reviews.



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