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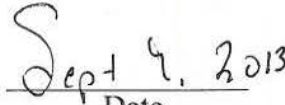
## **Environmental Policy**

It is the New England Regional Laboratory's (NERL) policy to integrate environmental stewardship into all of our operations within our defined fenceline. We will manage our organizations and our programs in a manner that protects the environment, the safety of our employees, and public health.

In support of this policy, the managers and staff of NERL commit to:

- Comply fully with the letter and spirit of all applicable Federal, State, local environmental laws, Federal Executive Orders, and applicable policies.
- Work to continually improve the effectiveness of our environmental management system (EMS), and ensure that this Environmental Policy is documented, implemented and maintained within the scope of our EMS.
- Provide a framework for our EMS using cross-functional team and engaging senior management for establishing and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.
- Continue to prevent pollution before it is produced, reduce the amount of waste at our facility, and re-use and recycle whenever possible.
- Provide appropriate environmental training and educate employees to be environmentally responsible on the job.
- Work to continually improve our environmental performance by establishing and periodically reviewing our environmental performance goals, and monitor our environmental performance regularly through rigorous evaluations.
- Evaluate environmental factors and the full impacts of acquisition, use and disposal when making planning, purchasing, and operating decisions.
- Use our natural resources (e.g., energy, fuel and water) efficiently throughout our operations.
- Share information on our Environmental Policy and performance with the public and work cooperatively with the local community and other stakeholders to further common environmental objectives.
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout our organization.
- Revisit this Policy and the EMS during the Management Review to make any necessary revisions due to operational changes, organizational priorities or environmental improvements.

  
Robert Maxfield, Director

  
Date