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Safety, Health and Environmental Policy

It is the policy of our Department that every employee is entitled to a safe and healthful place to work and the Department's activities are conducted in a manner that does not adversely affect the public or the environment.

As such, all Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employees are responsible for ensuring a work environment which is free from recognized safety, health and environmental hazards. The primary consideration in every job task is to evaluate the safety, health and environmental aspects to avoid detrimental exposure. To accomplish this, management at all levels must provide a safe workplace, safe equipment, proper materials, obtain full knowledge and understanding of our safety, health and environmental responsibilities, and insist upon safe methods and practices at all times. All employees will be held accountable for fulfilling these requirements on the job.

Overall performance in safety, health and environmental awareness and results will be valued equally with production, quality and costs. Futhermore, compliance will be ensured through appraisals performed pursuant to established safety, health and environmental policies and standards.

Guidelines for employees are established in published Safety, Health and Environmental Standards developed by our Safety Office and Department Safety Committee which reflect the State Employees' Workplace Requirements Program for Safety and Health and are approved by the Division Directors, Assistant Commissioners, Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner.

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