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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Management and Energy Policy Statement TO: Employees at the National Centers for Animal Health (NCAH)

The NCAH is committed to conducting its mission in a manner that protects human health and the environment, promotes the principles of environmental and energy stewardship within our community, and strives for excellence by implementing continuous improvement in our energy and environmental performance and design activities. Compliance with federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, codes, and standards, as well as Federal Executive Orders, is essential to accomplish our goals, utilize energy efficiently and protect the environment.

Environmental and Energy stewardship are core values at the NCAH and all employees have the responsibility for ensuring that environmental impacts and energy efficiency are considered in all operations, whether performed by employees, contractors, or visitors. All employees are responsible for fostering and maintaining a culture of Environmental Awareness and Energy Efficiency and shall comply with established environmental protection and energy efficiency standards, policies, and procedures related to their work.

An environmental protection and energy conservation attitude and knowledge of proper practices and procedures will facilitate the overall success of the NCAH's Environmental and Energy Management Programs and our Missions. The NCAH Environmental Management System is based on international ISO 14001 standard. Beyond compliance, we shall implement procedures and practices that emphasize pollution prevention, waste minimization, energy and water conservation, and sustainable practices as means to achieve, maintain, and demonstrate excellence in environmental and energy efficiency stewardship.

As the Board of Directors for the NCAH, we are committed to complying with all pertinent environmental and energy efficiency laws, regulations, and directives.

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