



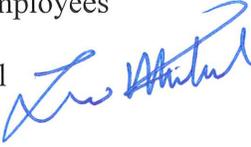
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TO: All GIPSA Employees

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SUBJECT: Safety and Health Statement

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is committed to excellence in occupational safety and health, and environmental stewardship through continuous improvement awareness, understanding, and performance.

To this end, we as an agency and as individuals must:

- Ensure that all GIPSA offices, laboratories, and other worksites are free from recognized hazards that could cause physical harm or death;
- Read and comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), USDA, and GIPSA safety and health regulations and directives; and when working in a private-sector workplace, comply with the company's safety and health policies, whenever practicable;
- Provide every employee with all safety and health training and personal protective equipment required and appropriate for the work that he/she performs;
- Seek innovative methods to reduce fuel and energy consumption and minimize hazardous waste through source reduction, recycling, and disposal in an environmentally-sound manner; and
- Communicate GIPSA's occupational safety and health, and environmental policies and programs to our customers, shareholders, and partners.

Occupational safety and health, and environmental stewardship are integral to GIPSA's operation. GIPSA managers are responsible for implementing the Agency's environmental, safety, and health programs, and reporting and investigating mishaps and potential hazards in the workplace. GIPSA employees are expected to participate in all phases of GIPSA's safety, health, and environmental programs, and to conduct their daily tasks in a manner consistent with Agency objectives and applicable Federal and State regulations. We all need to work together to promote hazard awareness, foster better understanding of safety and health policies, and most importantly, to make our work processes safer, and our work places healthier and more environmentally-friendly.