

Environmental, Safety, Security, and Health Policy

Brookhaven National Laboratory

***T**his policy is consistent with BNL's research interests, ethics, and shared values. We commit to continual improvement in environmental, safety, security, and health (ESSH) performance. We will set goals, measure progress, and communicate results. Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of every employee, contractor, and guest. Specifically, we commit to the following:*

- **Employees, Contractors and Guests:** We will provide a safe and healthy workplace, striving to prevent injuries and illnesses, promoting healthy lifestyles, and encouraging respect for the environment. We will ensure our employees, contractors, and guests have the awareness, skills, and knowledge to carry out this policy.
- **Compliance:** We will meet all applicable ESSH laws and BNL Standards Based Management System, Integrated Safety Management, and Integrated Safeguards and Security Management requirements.
- **Integration:** We will integrate ESSH principles into our research and operations activities. We will integrate hazard prevention/reduction, pollution prevention/waste minimization, resource conservation, security, and compliance into all of our planning and decision-making. We will adopt cost-effective practices that eliminate, minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts and control safety, security, and health risks and vulnerabilities.
- **Security:** We will work in compliance with DOE's ISSM Program and systematically integrate safeguards and security into management and work practices at all levels, so that the laboratory missions are accomplished in a safe and secure manner.
- **Sustainable Development:** We will strive to conserve resources and minimize or eliminate adverse ESH effects and risks that may be associated with our research and operations. We will manage our programs in a manner that protects the ecosystem and employee/public health.
- **Stakeholders:** We will work with our stakeholders to help them address their ESSH needs. We will maintain a positive, proactive, and constructive relationship with our neighbors in the community, regulators, DOE, and our other stakeholders. We will openly communicate with stakeholders on our progress and performance.
- **Community and Government:** We will participate in community and government ESSH initiatives. We will define, prioritize, and aggressively prevent, correct, and/or clean up existing environmental, security, and occupational safety and health problems.

In addition to my annual review of BNL's progress on ESSH goals and adherence to this policy, I invite all interested parties to provide me with input on our performance relative to this policy, and the policy itself.

Signed 
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