

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY P 609R**

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Stony Brook University recognizes the potential impacts of our activities on the environment, and the safety of individuals, through our mission to educate, conduct research and provide healthcare services. We value the people, land and natural resources that are part of the campus and surrounding communities, and strive to manage our programs in a manner that protects the global and local human and natural environments. We are committed to achieving compliance with applicable federal, state and local environmental statutes, regulations, enforceable agreements, and permits, and continuous improvement in environmental performance. This policy is achieved through the development and implementation of an Environmental, Health and Safety Management System (EHSMS) that provides resources, integrates procedures and training, and enhances an awareness that promotes environmental stewardship in all facets of University's mission.

Responsibility for achieving this commitment is as follows:

### **Administration**

The President is ultimately responsible for the health and safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and compliance with federal, state and local regulations and standards. These responsibilities are delegated to the Provost and Vice Presidents to ensure that adequate personnel and resources to effectively implement the EHSMS are provided to the academic and administrative departments and programs.

### **Deans, Department Chairs & Directors**

The deans, chairs and directors are responsible for implementing the EHSMS within their area of responsibility to ensure compliance with regulations, safety of personnel and protection of the environment. They have the responsibility of securing the resources required to support the EHSMS and providing the necessary oversight to assure implementation.

### **Supervisors**

Supervisors, including Principle Investigators, program coordinators and faculty, have the direct responsibility for ensuring that provisions of the EHSMS are fully executed. This is accomplished through the development and implementation of procedures, review of work practices, inspection of facilities, use of engineering controls and personal protective equipment, and training.

### **Individuals**

All individuals of the campus community, including students and staff, must follow

procedures, use safety equipment, report unsafe or hazardous situations, and attend training to ensure that they and others can accomplish their work and activities in safe manner.

**Environmental Health & Safety:**

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety is responsible for the development and implementation of environmental, health and safety policies, procedures and programs that assist departments in implementing the requirements of the EHSMS. This assistance includes, but is not limited to environmental monitoring, tracking and reporting, hazard analysis, safety training, incident investigation and emergency response. These services are designed to eliminate, reduce, or control environmental, safety and health risks and impacts, ensure regulatory compliance, and demonstrate environmental excellence through a continuous improvement process.

Should an emergency arise, the senior representative of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety has the authority to deal immediately with any situation that is hazardous, or may potentially be hazardous, to the safety of the campus community or the environment. The Director advises and recommends to the President and to the appropriate Vice President the subsequent course of action to be followed.

**PROCEDURE: Policy Implementation**

The Office of the Vice President for Administration is responsible for ensuring that the EHSMS is developed, implemented and supported by all academic and administrative departments and programs. Any dereliction of roles, responsibilities, authorities and accountability established by this policy or the EHSMS that may result in a serious physical hazard, exposure or injury, or potential legal liability from non-compliance, must be brought to the attention of the President. The University may impose sanctions, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of purchasing privileges, shut down of operations or personnel administrative actions. Department heads, who intentionally delay or disregard approved policies and procedures or training for employees or students, may be the subject of disciplinary action.

**INQUIRIES/REQUESTS:**

Any inquiries about this policy should be addressed to the Vice President for Administration. Any inquiries about the EHSMS should be addressed to the Department of Environmental Health & Safety, 110 Suffolk Hall, 631-632-6410.

**Related Documents**

**Federal**

29 CFR 1910/1926 (OSHA)

<http://www.osha.gov/>

40 CFR 1 - 799 (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/>

49 CFR 100 - 185 (DOT)

<http://www.dot.gov/>

## **State**

6 NYCRR (DEC)

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/regs/>

8 NYCRR 155 & 807 (State Education)

9 NYCRR 600 - 1250 (Uniform Fire Codes)

10 NYCRR (Public Health)

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/phforum/nycrr10.htm>

12 NYCRR (State Labor)

<http://www.labor.state.ny.us/html/workprot.htm>

19 NYCRR 434 - 448 (Fire Code Administration)

17 NYS Public Officers Law 3 [a]