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SUBJECT: Environmental Management System Policy

TO: Location Staff

FROM: Philipp W. Simon, Location Coordinator

The Madison Location has established and implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with the USDA REE Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Program (160.0); and the Midwest Area Environmental Management System Policy dated September 16, 2010.

Mission:

The Madison Location conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and provide information access and dissemination to: ensure high-quality, safe food, and other agricultural products; assess the nutritional needs of Americans; sustain a competitive agricultural economy; enhance the natural resource base and the environment and provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole.

EMS Goals and Objectives:

Our EMS goal is to systematically identify and actively manage environmental aspects that are present at the Madison Location. It is our objective, at a minimum, to embrace a commitment to environmental compliance, pollution prevention, conservation practices, and continual improvement and to fully comply with related Federal, State and local regulations applying to these aspects. The adopted EMS Policy will apply to all six Madison Location Management Units: Cereal Crops, Cell Wall Biology & Utilization, Dairy Forage Research Unit, Environmentally Integrated Management Research, Vegetable Crops, and Cool and Cold Water Aquaculture.

Specific objectives:

- Protect the environment
- Prevent pollution and conserve natural resources
- Reduce, reuse and recycle solid waste
- Reduce hazardous waste disposal quantities and costs
- Minimize releases to the environment
- Improve interaction with environmental regulators
- Improve community relations.

Activities include:

- Maintaining a policy endorsed by top management that states the Location's commitments
- Designate and train at least one Environmental Officer
- Develop goals and objectives identifying impacts, legal requirements, objectives, and needed improvements
- Implement activities and operations (i.e., training, recycling, proactive procurement, and documenting activities)
- Monitor and measure the status of program objectives, the system, and procedures
- Review of EMS performance by senior management.

The Environmental Management System was implemented and documented on January 31, 2005 and has been updated annually thereafter.

We will continue the process of performing periodic reviews and updates. The EMS will be ongoing, gathering together all the elements of the Madison Location's current Environmental Program in a coordinated effort of continuous improvement.

cc:

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