



Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM
July 2003**

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND
COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture, will comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental regulations including, but not limited to, the Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; National Environmental Policy Act; Oil Pollution Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Safe Drinking Water Act; Toxic Substances Control Act; and all pertinent Executive Orders.

APHIS has developed, and will implement and enforce this Environmental Protection Program (EPP), which presents the Agency's Environmental Management System as it pertains to APHIS facilities and activities. The EPP processes are consistent with the principles of the *Code of Environmental Management Principles (CEMP) for Federal Agencies*. By nature of this preamble to the EPP, I have established, and will adhere to, Principle No. 1 of the CEMP: Management Commitment.

I appoint the Employee Services Division Director as the APHIS Environmental Pollution Control Coordinator.

It is my intent that APHIS becomes a leader in environmental stewardship by evaluating our organization's environmental policies to ensure they are appropriate to the nature, scale, and environmental impacts of our activities. Our activities will be continually evaluated and our operational processes will be improved as necessary to comply with relevant environmental regulation and legislation.

System integration is a pivotal part of my commitment and that of the CEMP. Therefore, I instruct all APHIS employees to ensure that we include a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets in all our policies, procedures, and programs.

All environmental policies, procedures, and programs will be documented, implemented, maintained, and communicated to all employees. APHIS environmental policies will be made available to the public through the Internet.

Bobby R. Acord
Administrator

July 17, 2003
Date