



## DEQ POLICY STATEMENT PS23-01

### SAFETY

#### PURPOSE

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is committed to safely performing all agency tasks and operations and providing a safety program to ensure an injury-free workplace.

#### BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor requires department directors develop, maintain, and monitor a systematic safety program for each agency to minimize the risk of injury or damage.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICY

An injury-free workplace is not an end in itself. It is a standard that must be continually implemented through constant evaluation, improvement, communication, and vigilance. Our vision is that DEQ will strive to operate free of accidents and injuries.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Each employee is responsible for their own safety. DEQ works to foster a culture that makes safety our highest priority and to continually examine the effectiveness of our safety measures and performance. All DEQ employees and contractors are expected to and must STOP WORK if an unsafe condition exists.


Each administrator and manager is responsible for (1) providing a work environment, including resources and tools, that is safe and where all known hazards are eliminated or safeguarded and (2) promoting work practices and training for all employees that make safety essential to the tasks we perform.

The Technical Services Division Administrator is responsible for overseeing and implementing DEQ's *Safety Program Plan* and *General Safety Manual*. The Technical Services Division Administrator identifies and recommends safety practices to the director and maintains this policy.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 5 years unless amended, replaced, or rescinded prior to expiration.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

  
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