



DEQ POLICY STATEMENT PS18-01

SAFETY

PURPOSE

To document the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) commitment to safely performing all agency tasks and operations.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor issued Executive Order No. 99-6 requiring department directors to develop, maintain, and monitor a systematic program of safety for each agency that will minimize the risk of injury or damage.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Achieving 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 operate free of accidents and injuries.

RESPONSIBILITY

Each employee is ultimately responsible for their own safety. It is the responsibility of each DEQ employee to foster a culture that makes safety our highest priority and to provide continuous self-examination of the effectiveness of our safety measures and performance. All DEQ employees and contractors are expected to and should **STOP WORK** if an unsafe condition exists.

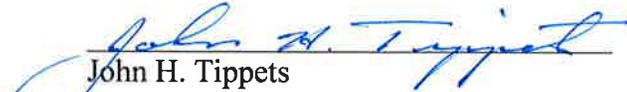
Each administrator and manager is responsible for (1) providing a work environment, including resources and tools, that is safe and where all known hazards are eliminated or safeguarded and (2) promoting work practices and training for all employees that make safety essential to the tasks we perform.

The Technical Services Administrator is responsible for overseeing and ensuring implementation of DEQ's *Safety Program Plan* and *General Safety Manual*. It is the responsibility of the Technical Services Administrator to identify and recommend safety practices to the director.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 5 years unless amended, replaced, or rescinded prior to expiration.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2018


John H. Tippet
Director