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TO: University of West Florida Community

FROM: Dr. Morris L. Marx, President

SUBJECT: Environmental Health and Safety Standards

AUTHORITY: Governor's Executive Order 2000-292, September 25, 2000

REFERENCES: 29CFR 1910 (OSHA) General Industry Standards (Current revision)
29CFR 1926 (OSHA) Construction Standards (Current revision)
NIOSH/CDC (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health)
Research and Information Publications

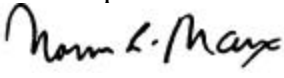
Policy/Purpose: To articulate UWF policy concerning the adoption of Environmental Health and Safety Standards.

The University of West Florida (UWF) is committed to a learning and employment environment where faculty, staff and students are protected from the risk of injuries as a result of being exposed to health and safety hazards. A fundamental precept of the health and safety discipline is to eliminate, where possible, exposure of humans to hazards. Where hazards still exist, minimum standards of worksite conditions and employee routines must be developed to allow employees to carry out assigned tasks and avoid injury.

Currently, the state-of-the-art health and safety standards are the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards. In Florida, as well as all of the United States, OSHA enforces occupational standards and demands compliance by private sector employers. By its own rules, OSHA is prohibited from enforcing its standards in state public sector entities.

To establish and maintain a system of Environmental Health and Safety rules, the leadership of the University of West Florida adopts the current Federal OSHA General Industry Standards, 29CFR 1910, and OSHA Construction Standards, 29CFR 1926, where applicable, and implements a program of seeking compliance with those rules. For clarity, these standards will be referred to as "UWF Adopted Standards." It is a condition of employment that supervisors and employees abide by the UWF Adopted Standards in carrying out assigned duties on a daily basis. Appropriate training, tools, and protective equipment will be provided by the respective University department. Mechanisms for reporting hazards, auditing incidents, and performing corrective actions will be established and aggressively utilized.

The UWF Department of Environmental Health and Safety will assist the applicable departments by overseeing the proper implementation of the UWF Adopted Standards and assisting in enforcement of the policies.

Approved: 
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