

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		Number: 1043-021
SUBJECT: Grain Storage, Handling, and Processing Safety Program	DATE: October 30, 1985	
	OPI: Office of the Secretary	

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to ensure continuation of the USDA Grain Storage, Handling, and Processing Safety Program (program). The Grain Storage, Handling, and Processing Safety Coordinating Subcommittee (Safety Coordinating Subcommittee) was established in 1982 by the Secretary to carry out this program.

2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

This regulation supersedes DR 1043-21 dated November 4, 1983.

3. POLICY

a. The Safety Coordinating Subcommittee was established to provide leadership, coordination, implementation, and monitoring activities for the program to ensure the safe and efficient movement of the nation's grain in domestic and international markets. The program is designed to:

- (1) Protect USDA employees working in grain handling facilities.
- (2) Promote safety.
- (3) Promote research and education.
- (4) Collect, analyze, and disseminate information.

b. The Safety Coordinating Subcommittee will develop and maintain liaison for the Department of Agriculture with other government and private sector groups and organizations in the promotion and coordination of safety and loss control in grain handling facilities.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with DR 1044-2, Secretary's Policy and Coordination Council dated January 6, 1983, the Safety Coordinating Subcommittee was established under the Administration Committee. The Safety Coordinating Subcommittee is comprised of the Administrators of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), National Agricultural Library (NAL), Extension Service (ES), and the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). The Administrator, FGIS, is designated as the Chairperson of the Safety Coordinating Subcommittee.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Safety Coordinating Subcommittee shall:

- a. Maintain Departmental policies regarding safe grain storage, handling, and processing.
- b. Consult with and advise the Secretary with respect to the implementation of Departmental safety policies and recommend methods and practices for safe grain storage, handling, and processing.
- c. Provide national leadership and coordination with USDA agencies, other state and Federal Government agencies, and private industry for the development of accident prevention programs to reduce and minimize fires and explosions in grain storage, handling, and processing.
- d. Encourage research on safe grain storage, handling, and processing, and disseminate the results of such research. Collect, analyze, and disseminate information on safe grain storage, handling, and processing policies and practices.
- e. Utilize agency personnel with requisite expertise as needed for carrying out the Department's safety efforts in grain handling activities.

The Safety Coordinating Subcommittee will meet quarterly or on an "as needed" basis. Agencies represented on the Safety Coordinating Subcommittee will submit agency safety accomplishments to the Chairperson on a semi-annual basis.