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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

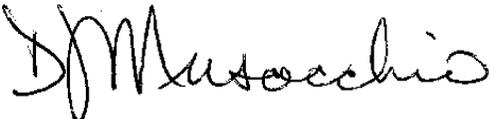
The Food Safety and Inspection Service reaffirms its commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Consequently, all employees and applicants for employment should be treated with equality, dignity and respect regardless of race, age, gender, color, religion, family, parental or marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or protected genetic information.

Managers and supervisors must fully support this policy and ensure that all employment decisions, actions and recommendations are based on equal employment principles. They are responsible for educating and updating employees on civil rights issues and initiatives and will be evaluated on their participation and adherence to this EEO policy.

The Agency will not tolerate discriminatory actions in the workplace. It is imperative that employees uphold this policy, regardless of personal opinions. Doing less is unacceptable and impedes the attainment of our vision to be "an employer of choice."

As our mission evolves, we must continue to demonstrate our commitment to attaining and maintaining a diverse workforce. Workforce diversity enhances our ability to successfully develop effective solutions to today's challenges. Continuing to attract a talented, universal, and gender diverse workforce in all occupations and grade levels is critical to our mission and our customers.

Employees may contact the Civil Rights Division at (301) 504-7756 (voice and TDD) or 1 (800) 269-6912 regarding policies relating to EEO or civil rights. Information is also available on the Agency's civil rights website: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OM/crd/crd.htm>.


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