

## **AU SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the goal of Auburn University to provide a safe and healthful environment for the faculty, staff, students and visitors on the Auburn University Main Campus, on the Auburn University at Montgomery Campus, and throughout the broad networks of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. To achieve this goal, this program is established to set forth a comprehensive safety program, assign safety responsibilities and define proper safety procedures for Auburn University.

As President, I have a responsibility to insure that this institution is operated safely to minimize health hazards and reduce the risk of injury. I ask that each of you join me in doing your part by making a sincere effort to comply with the safety policies and procedures presented in this Manual. In doing so, our contributions will greatly enhance the overall safety posture of Auburn University and create the safe and healthful environment we all desire.

I wish to emphasize to our supervisory personnel that they share in this safety responsibility with me. Supervisors must see that their employees are properly trained in safe working procedures; they have safe tools and equipment, and they know how to use them properly; they routinely follow approved safety procedures; and their work environment is as free as possible from safety and health hazards.

I would also like to remind each individual that they also have a personal responsibility to act in a safe manner. Each of us can take positive actions that will minimize risks and prevent accidents. These actions should include maintaining a conscious awareness of safety, carefully following University and departmental safety guidelines, and promptly reporting unsafe conditions.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. The extent of the safety responsibility an individual bears is directly proportional to the overall responsibilities for personnel, facilities, and equipment held by each individual.

By maintaining an effective safety program Auburn University can provide a safe environment for the University community as a whole while it protects its limited resources from loss.

William V. Muse  
President