

## **Code of Ethics for Members**

A profession that is in service to humankind must promote, among other things, health, happiness, well-being, and security. The environmental health profession is such a profession, inasmuch as it seeks to prolong life, eliminate and/or control disease, and create and maintain an environment that is conducive to humankind's full development.

For humankind's full development, the need for the application of environmental health principals is both universal and ever present. Moreover, as the world increases in complexity, the need for the environmental health professional's services only increases more. Given the prominence of the role of the environmental health professional and the public trust that is placed in the proper practice of this profession, it becomes especially important that practitioners carry their work out with integrity and honor. Accordingly, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) requires, as a requisite for membership in the association, compliance with the following membership code of ethics.

As an environmental professional and member, representative, or officer of NEHA, I hereby acknowledge, accept, and profess to abide by the following code of ethics:

As long as my membership or office is in an active status, I shall endeavor to keep myself current and informed regarding the changing concepts and concerns of environmental health.

I will proudly represent my NEHA membership or office to my professional peers and to the public I serve in the course of performing my duties. I will conduct myself in a professional manner befitting my professional status.

For the sake of elevating the recognition and status of my profession, I will actively encourage my professional colleagues to consider becoming members of NEHA and earning the professional credential of Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S.) or Registered Sanitarian (R.S.).

I will do nothing to undermine, detract from, or otherwise cause damage to my membership or representation of NEHA. I accept that any activity on my part that will cause NEHA any measure of injury serves as a breach and a failure on my part to uphold this code of ethics. Moreover, I accept that such action for which I might be responsible could result in disciplinary action, up to and including the revocation of my membership or office by the NEHA board of directors by recommendation of the NEHA Ethics Committee.

I commit that my professional goal is to serve humankind by doing whatever I am able to do in the course of carrying out my professional responsibilities to maintain and provide a healthful environment for all.