



JOB DESCRIPTION

Vice President, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs

This position requires a Ph.D., DVM, or similar advanced scientific degree in the field of animal science, meat science, veterinary medicine, microbiology, organic chemistry, or other relevant subject.

POSITION SUMMARY: Responsible for managing NARA's scientific and regulatory affairs program.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- This position supervises the coordinator responsible for executing the daily activities of the Rendering Code of Practice and the APPI rendered product testing and training programs.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as scientific liaison with government agencies, academia, and related organizations in the United States, Canada, and other countries on regulations, policies, and related issues affecting the U.S. and Canadian rendering industry, including food safety, animal health, biosecurity, pathogen control, sustainability and environmental impact.
- Represent NARA concerns and issues to government regulators. Monitor and provide regulatory comments on behalf of the rendering industry regarding proposed government regulations and other government policies, guidelines, and regulations that affect use of rendered products in animal feed, pet food, and the oleochemical industry. Provide support to relevant regulatory agencies throughout the rulemaking process. Analyze regulatory impacts and provide information and recommendations to NARA members. Must be able to condense and effectively communicate technical topics to government regulators, the rendering industry, and stakeholders.
- Ensure scientific and technical programs and activities align with and advance NARA's Strategic Plan, including efforts to promote increased demand and market access for rendered products to customers.
- Direct the Rendering Code of Practice program, including liaison with independent firms which conduct third party audits for compliance with FDA regulations and certify that individual facilities meet the minimum standards of the Code of Practice.

- Develop and execute educational materials, seminars, speeches, and training programs on biosecurity, pathogen control, CGMPs, Food Safety Plans, and other areas to assist members to meet industry standards of the Rendering Code of Practice and regulatory requirements.
- Perform responsibilities needed to service NARA's contract with the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation (FPRF).
- Provide leadership and technical support to NARA members on a variety of scientific issues, including salmonella control, microbiological hazards, regulatory compliance, biosecurity, product safety and quality, animal health, sustainability, and other issues affecting the rendering industry in the U.S. and Canada.
- Represent the rendering industry to national and international committees regarding animal diseases impacting the rendering industry. Attend meetings of stakeholder organizations to represent the rendering industry.
- Serve as staff representative to NARA's Feed Regulation, Sustainability, Environment, and APPI (Code of Practice) committees. Develop and manage the annual program budgets for these committees and the scientific services program.
- Serve as a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel of the World Renderers Organization.
- Promote member interests to allied organizations such as the Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance, the United States Animal Health Association, the Association of American Feed Control Officials, the Pet Food Institute, the American Feed Industry Association, and others as needed. Attend meetings of these organizations and other stakeholders to represent the rendering industry.
- Serve as liaison with agricultural producer and professional organizations, universities, and other institutions that influence the consumption of animal proteins/fats and the rendering business.
- Contribute to problem-solving among staff and the membership on rendering issues across association program areas. Collaborate with staff on joint projects as needed.
- Align and coordinate FPRF research with NARA interests to benefit the overall rendering industry.
- Demonstrate professional demeanor at all times and comply with NARA policies and procedures.
- Build and maintain effective business relationships with employees at all levels in the organization.
- Travel and work evenings and /or weekends as the business requires.
- Perform special projects and other related duties as assigned/needed.

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