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Subject of Policy Amendment 1:

Indemnity for Historic PFAS Land Application

Section Number or Title to be Amended:

Create a new section, 15.9 PFAS

Submitted by:

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Text of Policy Amendment:

Move 4.10 Food Safety – PFAS to a new section, 15.9 PFAS

Make a change to 4.10 Food Safety – PFAS

NASDA supports federal legislation that increases **state** funding and resources **to states** for responding to identified and emerging toxic pollutants, particularly per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), that impact farm and range lands, groundwater, surface water, livestock, and the nation's food supply.

Insert a new subtitle:

Indemnity for Historic PFAS Land Application:

- NASDA supports indemnity for farmers and ranchers whose lands are contaminated with PFAS through the spreading of biosolids or biowaste, by contaminated water, or by any other means.
- NASDA encourages USDA, EPA, and FDA to work with state partners to identify farming operations affected by PFAS contamination and keep agricultural land productive, including supporting farmers and ranchers in accessing relevant federal and state assistance programs. In the absence of such programs, NASDA encourages the agencies to pursue necessary authorizations to create new or adjust existing programs to assist impacted farmers and ranchers in a timely manner and to ensure that federal agencies are using accurate data and engaging states when making robust policy decisions.

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- NASDA encourages EPA, USDA, and FDA to work with DOD to quickly address any contamination that has impacted or has the potential to affect agriculture production due to the use of PFAS-associated products in support of national defense.

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