

Though supervision of the State Directors, ensuring that all program activities in the Western Region are conducted in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and policies.

(2) Assisting in providing administrative direction to ADC programs in each Western State.

(3) Advising the Deputy Administrator and other agency officials on policies, programs, and resources needed to manage vertebrate animal conflicts with agriculture, industry, natural resources, public health and safety, and other human activities.

(4) Providing recommendations for research needed to develop or improve techniques for the control of wildlife damage and nuisance problems.

(5) Assisting the Deputy Administrator, ADC, in initiating, evaluating, and improving Federal-cooperative ADC programs in the Western Region.

(6) Managing resources allocated to the Western States.

(7) Managing aircraft operations for the aerial hunting activities carried out in the Western States.

(8) Managing the activities of the Pocatello Supply Depot, which procures or manufactures control materials and devices used nation-wide, maintaining quality control of these items, and assisting in the preparation of labels for registered products.

#### **§371.7 Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care.**

The units of REAC, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, REAC, are responsible for:

(a) *Regulatory enforcement.* (1) Supervising and conducting investigations of alleged violations of the Code of Federal Regulations and applicable laws.

(2) Coordinating field enforcement activities with VS and PPQ field offices at the State and regional level and with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

(3) Meeting with industry groups, State and local authorities, and other organizations to explain and discuss the APHIS regulatory enforcement program.

(4) Developing procedural guidelines for the conduct of APHIS field enforcement activities.

(5) Maintaining liaison and coordination among program line and staff entities, OGC, OIG, the USDA Hearing Clerk, and other organizations that may be involved in the enforcement of regulations.

(6) Reviewing investigative case reports and determining appropriate disposition.

(7) Analyzing violation case data to identify trends in noncompliance patterns, highlighting the possible need for changes in APHIS regulations, and identifying needed changes in enforcement resources and/or priorities.

(b) *Animal Care.* (1) Inspecting and re-inspecting USDA licensed and registered facilities under the Animal Welfare Act.

(2) Performing inspections at horse shows, sales and auctions. Monitoring Designated Qualified Person programs under the Horse Protection Act.

(3) Maintaining liaison with the regulated industries and with humane organizations, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments.

(4) Responding to complaints and inquiries from industry, humane groups, and private citizens.

(5) Developing operational plans and procedures for the national animal care programs; performing analyses, assessments, and reviews of animal care activities; and providing necessary reports and recommendations.

#### **§371.8 International Services.**

The IS Operational Support unit and the IS Regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, IS, are responsible for:

(a) *IS Operational Support.* (1) Developing specific plans and providing technical backup for IS programs that prevent, control, or eradicate animal and plant diseases and pests that threaten American agriculture.

(2) Developing and evaluating programs in foreign countries designed to enhance the export of U.S. plants and animals, and their products.

(3) Providing technical consultants to APHIS international personnel as