



INTERNET, E-MAIL AND OTHER ON-LINE SERVICES

Electronic mail (e-mail) is an office communications tool for preparing, sending, and retrieving electronic messages on personal computers. On-line services such as the internet are communications tools for sending and retrieving information and messages on personal computers. These systems are provided for business purposes; use for personal purposes is a privilege and is permissible only within reasonable limits. Use of these systems for conducting a business, exchange of or viewing pornographic materials, or for activities contrary to law or New Mexico Tech policies is prohibited.

All e-mail and internet records are considered to be Institute records and should be transmitted only to individuals who have a business need to receive them. Additionally, as Institute records, e-mail and internet records are subject to disclosure to law enforcement or government officials or to other third parties through subpoena or other process. Employees should always ensure that Institute information contained in e-mail and internet messages by employees may not necessarily reflect the views of New Mexico Tech's officers or directors. Abuse of the e-mail or internet systems, through excessive personal use, or use in violation of Law or New Mexico Tech policies will result in disciplinary action and/or loss of access to New Mexico Tech's computer systems.

While New Mexico Tech does not intend to regularly review employees' e-mail and internet records, employees have no right or exception of privacy in e-mail or internet. New Mexico Tech owns the computer and software making up the e-mail and internet systems and permits employees to use them in the performance of their duties for the Institute. E-mail messages and internet records are to be treated like shared paper files, with the expectation that anything in them is available for review by authorized representatives of the Institute. Employee e-mail messages and internet records may be disclosed to law enforcement or government officials or to other third parties, without notification to or permission from the employee sending or receiving the messages and records.

Employees should also be aware that log-on and other passwords may not be shared with any third party, nor may they be shared with another employee, unless such password(s) is requested by an authorized officer of the Institute.

The Above policy has been explained to me and I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the policy.

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____