RULES OF THE STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

1. ENTRIES:
   Students must submit two (2) electronic copies of their entry (see Section 2 for detailed instructions). Each entry must consist of an abstract and outline:

   TITLE AND ABSTRACT (Between 150-300 words): The research title and abstract should be typed, single spaced on a single sheet of paper.

   OUTLINE: On a separate sheet of paper each entry must also include a typed one page outline of the study, including purpose, methodology, and a summary of the results and conclusions.

   All entries must be typed on white paper, using at least a 10 point font.

2. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:
   One electronic copy of the abstract and outline should include the student’s name, program, school and address, phone number, e-mail address, and class (junior, senior, graduate student, etc.). This copy should be signed by both the student and his/her faculty preceptor (A scanned copy of the submission that includes these signatures is acceptable).

   One additional electronic copy of the abstract and outline must be submitted for distribution to members of the review committee. This must be a blind copy (i.e., it should not contain any identification of the student or his or her school).

   All entries must be submitted by April 9th, 2012 (5:00pm MST) to: Dr. David Gilkey at dgilkey@colostate.edu. Note: Submitted materials will not be returned.

3. CRITERIA & SELECTION
   A panel of environmental health practitioners/faculty will select the five winners based on:
   - ORIGINALITY
   - SCIENTIFIC RIGOR
   - RELEVANCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND PROTECTION
   - Three undergraduate papers and two graduate papers will be selected for the awards.
   - A copy of the scoring rubric for each submission has been posted to the AEHAP website at www.aehap.org.

4. NOTIFICATION & AWARDS:
   - The winners of the competition will be notified via email by April 30th, 2012.
   - The award winners will be required to perform 20-minute oral presentation papers at the Student Research Session of the National Environmental Health Association Conference to be held in San Diego, California June 28th-30th, 2012. The exact date, time and location of the student presentations will be announced at a later date.
   - The winning students will be recognized in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Environmental Health.
   - The award winners will be recognized during the Opening Session of the NEHA Annual Educational Conference and their abstracts will be included in the conference CD.

5. DETAILS OF THE AWARD:
   AEHAP, with financial support from the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health will provide each winner a $500 award and cover travel and meeting expenses up to a maximum of $1,000.

   AEHAP will arrange and pay for the students’ hotel rooms, which will be subtracted from the $1000 provided to cover travel and meeting expenses. Students will be responsible for any incidental expenses charged to their room.

   Competition winners should make their own transportation arrangements. They will be reimbursed by AEHAP upon submission of a proper accounting and appropriate receipts for their expenditures. Examples of covered expenditures include: airfare, meals, and ground transportation.