8. Safety and Environment

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District continues to strengthen its relationship with the National Weather Service. The project meteorologist will monitor weather watches issued by the Storm Prediction Center and all warning, advisories, and short-term forecasts issued by the National Weather Service via weather radio, television, and internet websites. The meteorologist is also, at times, in contact with the NWS via telephone, social media, or text message.

During operations, if there are any severe warnings issued by the NWS, operations will be suspended (with the exception of severe thunderstorm warnings where we have until 20 minutes after issuance) until the warnings have expired. This also includes flood and wind warnings.

Furthermore, all aircraft are equipped with a 406 Mhz emergency beacon. This will alert a Rescue Coordination Center in the event to a distress message being sent out from our aircraft. It will allow Search and Rescue (SAR) forces to locate the aircraft in a timely manner.