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Green Environmental Management System (GEMS) Policy Statement
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The VA is committed to the protection of human health and the environment. Success in supporting current and future VA operations depends on our ability to manage resources, anticipate change, and respond to increasingly complex environmental regulations through prudent planning.

In concert with the accomplishment of our mission goals, VA personnel will:

1) Operate in a manner compatible with the environment;

2) Comply with all environmental legal requirements and other standards applicable to the VA;

3) Prevent pollution through reduction of waste, recycling, and minimization of hazardous materials;

4) Promote energy conservation initiatives;

5) Continually improve environmental systems and processes; and

6) Commit to open and honest communication with patients and staff.

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