

Environmental Management System Briefing

Statement of Environmental Principles

Threats to the health of our environment are rapidly becoming threats to human health. The Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers therefore recognize the need to provide high-quality, affordable health care services while, at the same time, operating in a manner that accentuates positive environmental impacts and/or eliminates negative environmental impacts.

To meet this need, we have adopted a systematic approach to environmental management that includes the following objectives selected based upon a formal review of issues relevant to our organizations, including but not limited to local and global environmental conditions being affected by or capable of affecting our activities and services, with detailed targets available on request by interested parties:

1. To actively seek to prevent pollution and reduce adverse environmental impacts by focusing on:
 - a. Avoiding, reducing or controlling our creation of wastes;
 - b. Avoiding, reducing or controlling our emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants; and
 - c. Increasing the percentage of food served that is produced sustainably and, in the case of meat and poultry, raised without routine use of antibiotics.
2. To fulfill all compliance obligations (including both mandatory requirements and voluntary commitments) that are relevant to the environmental aspects of our activities and services.
3. To evaluate and continually improve our environmental management system through periodic audits, management reviews, corrective actions, and achievement of our environmental objectives.
4. To communicate this Statement of Environmental Principles to employees, physicians, contractors and suppliers to ensure their awareness of our environmental commitment.
5. To communicate our relevant environmental requirements, and provide training as necessary, to employees, physicians, contractors and suppliers whose activities may have significant environmental impacts.

This Statement of Environmental Principles shall be made available to all interested parties via the web page of Kaiser Permanente.

Signed:

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