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**Applies To**

Academic Division The Medical Center

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**Reason for Policy**

To ensure that all University of Virginia facilities are in compliance with all applicable State and Federal environmental regulations in order to reduce the possibility of regulatory citations and fines. To minimize the University's impacts on the environment by reducing pollution output, waste generated and electricity used.

**Definition of Terms**

**Terms**

There are no terms that require definition.

**Policy Statement**

The University will conduct all operations in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental regulations.

**1. Environmental Initiatives:**

The University will:

- Meet and exceed (where practical) compliance with all State and Federal environmental regulations.

- Prevent and reduce pollution on University property and prevent University activities from polluting the environment.
- Minimize to the greatest extent practicable the use of toxic substances on University property and seek alternatives to such products where available. Where the use of toxic substances cannot be avoided, the substances will be managed to avoid human exposure and releases to the environment.
- Encourage continued participation in recycling and waste reduction programs.
- Conduct education and research in an environmentally responsible way.
- Continually strive to reduce the University's impact on the natural environment.
- Decrease energy demands through increased energy efficiency and conservation.
- Where practical, utilize best management practices in design, construction, and maintenance of its University facilities.

## 2. **Compliance with Policy:**

Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies.

Questions about this policy should be directed to the [Facilities Management \(Environmental Resources\)](#).

## **Related Information**

[PRM-002: Energy Management and Sustainability](#)

**Major Category** [Safety, Security and Environmental Quality](#)

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## **Applies To Text**

Academic Division and the Medical Center.

## **Category Cross Reference**

[Physical Resource Management](#)

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