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FROM: VA Maine Healthcare System  
SUBJECT: Green Environmental Management System (GEMS) Vision Statement

Our mission is to provide high quality comprehensive outpatient and inpatient health care to Veterans residing in Maine. The VA Maine Healthcare System will conduct its mission in a manner that protects human health and the environment, promotes the principles of environmental stewardship within our community, and strives for continuous improvement in our processes. The VA Maine Healthcare System will comply with all applicable agency, federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and directives governing its activities and integrate environmental considerations into facility planning, work practices and procedures. Beyond compliance, we shall implement procedures and policies that emphasize pollution prevention, waste minimization and resource conservation to achieve, maintain, and demonstrate excellence in environmental stewardship.

This policy is applicable to all VA Maine Healthcare System activities. The GEMS Committee will review environmental objectives annually to ensure that this policy is implemented and maintained.

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