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Compliance Assistance Program for Hospitals in Region 2

The Region 2 Hospital Compliance Initiative Commenced on December 27, 2002.

480 hospitals in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgins Islands were notified of the Initiative and invited to participate in the voluntary audit program.



The EPA/AHA 1998 Memorandum of Understanding

- **Virtual Elimination of Mercury by 2005**
- **33% Reduction of Solid Waste by 2005, 50% by 2010**
- **Identification and Elimination of PBT's in the hospital environment**



Current Efforts

- **A New York Focus Group meeting since spring 2000 was set up to identify problems and needs**
- **Two additional focus groups are planned:**
Please sign at the registration table if you wish to become a member of a New Jersey Hospital Focus Group or a Caribbean Hospital Focus Group



- **Seminars to provide compliance information-- as this one Information about the Audit Policy Program**
- **P2 and Voluntary Programs**
- **Web site information**
- **National H2E Partner and Award Program**



H2E Awards 2002 have given national recognition to 4 hospitals in New York and New Jersey

- **Beth Israel Medical Center, Kings Highway**
- **St. John's Riverside Hospital 2 awards**
- **Hackensack University Medical Center**
- **University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital 2 awards (also one of 3 in the nation to earn the Environmental Leadership Award)**



Seminars/Conferences Past, Current, Future

- **Region 1/2, Region 2/3, Caribbean and Greater New York Hospital Association 2001**
- **Hackensack University Medical Center 2002**
- **Long Island Jewish Medical Center 2003**
- **February 26, 2003 Beth Israel Medical Center, NYC--today.**
- **Planned sessions in NYC, in Albany with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Pollution Prevention Unit, in Rochester and in Princeton with New Jersey Hospital Association**



Action Plan

- **Hospital Compliance Initiative**
- **Encourage hospitals to participate in the Voluntary Audit Program or, if the hospital is part of a hospital consortium, to pursue an Audit Agreement**
- **Provide technical assistance to hospitals upon request with audit information, relevant documents and web sites.**



VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Energy Star Buildings Partnership

- **The ENERGY STAR BuildingsSM Partnership is a comprehensive energy-efficiency program for commercial and industrial buildings. The Partnership focuses on reducing waste and improving building performance by using high-efficiency energy technologies**
- **More than 7000 organizations are participating in the ENERGYSTAR Buildings and Green Lights[®] Partnership**
- **By 1999, cumulatively, these organizations had prevented 50.6 billion pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from being released into the atmosphere as a result of their energy-efficiency upgrades, which was equivalent to removing the pollution from 1.9 million cars, or planting 2.6 million acres of trees annually**
- **Annual savings in 1999 was \$1.6 billion, Today it is 5.**



EnergyStar continued

- The EnergyStar general program is on the EnergyStar web site: <http://www.energystar.gov/>
- Hospitals can "Join the Partnership". Case studies are available by clicking on Success Stories under Participants
- <http://yosemite1.epa.gov/Estar/business.nsf/webmenus/Healthcare>
- There are currently more than 900 health-care/hospital facilities participating in EnergyStar



National Performance Track

- **National program designed to motivate and reward top environmental performance, through:**
- **National recognition as an environmental leader**
- **Access to "State-of-the-Art" information**
- **Best practices database**
- **Peer exchange networking opportunities**
- **Informational briefings with senior EPA officials**
- **Streamlined environmental monitoring and reporting**



Performance Track continued

■ Eligibility Criteria:

- **Mature Environmental Management System**
- **Demonstrate achievements, commit to continued environmental improvements**
- **Have a record of sustained compliance with environmental requirements**
- **Commit to public outreach and performance reporting**



- **Benefits to the Environment from Performance Track:**

- Reducing solid waste by 225 million pounds**

- Reducing water use by 1.6 billion gallons**

- Preserving/restoring 4,600 acres**

- **Benefits to You:**

- Public recognition (press releases, awards)**

- Participation in events, peer exchanges**

- Interaction with senior EPA officials**

- Low priority for routine inspections**

- Use of Performance Track logo**

- Listing on EPA web sites, articles, case studies**



- **Performance Track is now accepting applications for the program.**
- **Marcia Seidner, EPA Region 2 Performance Track Coordinator, 212-637-3584, seidner.marcia@epa.gov**
- **Performance Track Information Center**
- **888-330-PTRK**
- **<http://www.epa.gov/performancetrack>**



WasteWise

- Targets the reduction of municipal solid waste; waste that would otherwise end up in a trash dumpster. Currently 57 health care facilities are on the WasteWise list of partners, including:
- New York: Canton-Potsdam Hospital, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Southside Hospital, St. Luke's Memorial Center, St. Peter's Health Care Service
- New Jersey: Christian Health Care Center, Passaic Beth Israel, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital
- Puerto Rico: Jostra-Bentley Hospital
- Web site for additional information
<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/reduce/wstewise/>



More Voluntary Environmental Programs

- **The Water Alliances for Voluntary Efficiency program (WAVE) encourages commercial businesses and institutions to reduce water consumption while increasing efficiency, profitability, and competitiveness**

<http://es.epa.gov/partners/wave/wave.html>

- **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing is a federal-wide program that encourages and assists Executive agencies in the purchasing of environmentally preferable products and services (open to participation from any interested party) Currently 13 non-government healthcare institutions/projects are listed on this website with contract information shown**

**<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/epp/>,
<http://notes.erg.com/eppstand2.nsf/Pages/Search.html?Open>**



- **The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program is a voluntary program that forms partnerships with pesticide users to reduce the health and environmental risks associated with pesticide use and implement pollution prevention strategies**

<http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/>

- **Useful Websites**

EPA P2 Website: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/>

- **Region 2 EPA College and University web site may have useful information because of the laboratory/ institution overlap -**

<http://www.epa.gov/region2/p2/college/>

- **Region 2 EPA Health Care web site**

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/p2/health.htm#Prog>



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