



## National Naval Medical Center Environmental Policy

National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) is committed to *Force Health Protection and Operational Readiness, Graduate Medical Education, and World-Class Health Care* in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment.

NNMC's mission requires daily operation in our natural environment. Therefore, NNMC views proactive environmental management as enhancing our status as the Flagship of Navy Medicine. NNMC employees, whether military, civilian, or private contractor, are responsible for performing their duties in a manner that protects the environment, prevents pollution, and conserves our natural and cultural resources.

We are committed to:

- Comprehensive environmental protection and continuous environmental process improvement.
- Early introduction of environmental protection, pollution prevention, source reduction, and conservation of natural and cultural resources considerations into the planning stages of all work conducted at NNMC.
- Full compliance with applicable federal, state, local, Department of Defense, and Navy regulations and policies.
- Operating in an ecologically sustainable manner by reducing solid, hazardous, regulated medical wastes, and energy usage.
- Regularly scheduled self-evaluation of the effectiveness of NNMC's Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure that established objectives and targets are met.
- Promulgation, implementation, and maintenance of NNMC's environmental policy, ensuring its effective communication to all employees and interested parties.
- Fostering cooperation with surrounding communities by publicizing NNMC's environmental initiatives and supporting community-based environmental programs.
- Proactive, sound environmental stewardship.

  
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