

Kaiser Permanente Environmental Stewardship Goals

Highly Fluorinated Chemicals in Carpeting Information Exchange 2018

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KP at a glance

3 Organizations:

- Kaiser Permanente Health plan, Inc.
- Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and their Subsidiaries
- The Permanente Medical Group

8 States + District of Columbia

11.7 million members served

\$65 billion annual operating revenue

70 million square feet of facilities:

- owned, leased, operated, and maintained
- 39 hospitals
- 700 medical facilities + offices

21,275 physicians

54,000 nurses

208,000 employees

Health Care's Big Environmental Footprint



- **8%** of greenhouse gas emissions in U.S.
- **2 million tons** of waste every year in the U.S.
- **Top 10 water users** in their communities
- **Chemicals of concern** are contained in food, building materials and products we purchase

Environmental Stewardship Goals



CLIMATE ACTION

Become “carbon net positive” by buying enough clean energy and carbon offsets to remove more greenhouse gases from the atmosphere than we emit.



SUSTAINABLE FOOD

Buy all of our food locally or from farms and producers that use sustainable practices, including using antibiotics responsibly.



WASTE REDUCTION

Recycle, reuse or compost 100% of our non-hazardous waste.



WATER CONSERVATION

Reduce the amount of water we use by 25% per square foot of buildings.



SAFER PRODUCTS

Increase our purchase of products and materials meeting environmental standards to 50%.



MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

Meet international standards for environmental management at all of our hospitals.



COLLABORATION

Pursue new collaborations to reduce environmental risks to foodsheds, watersheds and air basins supplying our communities.

Next Steps

- 2025 will be here before we know it.
- Our environmental Preferred Purchasing Program requires our vendors to adhere to a robust list of chemicals of concern.
- 2 years ago we banned antimicrobials and all fluorinated chemicals from our products.

- I would say our biggest challenge is the ability to track all flooring products coming into our buildings.
- We have recently identified several tracking options and are about to begin pilot projects to decipher our best method.
- We also want to start spot checking our products to confirm the products are indeed clean.
- Fortunately, we have the support of our partners in this room, to be successful.