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CHAPTER: 8 ADMINISTRATION	SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
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I. AUTHORITY: 7 *Del. C.* §7802; 11 *Del. C.* §6517; 29 *Del. C.* §8903 and Governor’s Executive Order 18

II. PURPOSE: To establish the Department of Correction (DOC) Environmental Policy.

III. APPLICABILITY: All Department employees, volunteers, person or organizations conducting business with the Department; all offenders under the supervision or custody of the Department.

IV. DEFINITIONS: None

V. POLICY: As set forth in 7 *Del. C.* §7802 and Governor’s Executive Order 18 effective February 17, 2010, the Department is committed to protecting the environment and communities. The Department will reduce and make continual progress toward eliminating the release of any substance that may cause health or environmental damage. The Department will reduce, and where possible, eliminate wastes and releases through source reduction. The Department shall demonstrate it has examined, and where appropriate and feasible, implement strategies that promote: recycling, energy conservation, water conservation, pollution reduction and utilization of renewable energy alternatives.

All waste will be handled and disposed of safely and responsibly. All facilities and grounds shall:

- A.** Conform to applicable laws and safety standards in the storage, handling and disposal of chemicals, waste materials and other potential atmospheric, soil or water pollutants.
- B.** Promote environmental awareness and encourage working in an environmentally responsible manner.

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- C.** Ensure a safe and healthy workplace and minimize our potential impact on the environment. The Department will operate in compliance with all relevant federal, state and local environmental legislation and will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices.
- D.** Avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed.
- E.** Develop and maintain appropriate emergency and spill response programs as required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist.
- F.** Implement recycling programs for paper, plastic, metal and other materials.
- G.** Conserve energy and water resources where possible.
- H.** Seek cost-effective ways to minimize new facility construction and existing facility operational impacts to the environment, utilizing continual improvement methods with input from employees and the community.
- I.** Conduct routine inspections and evaluations of DOC environmental standards.
- J.** Strive to continually improve DOC environmental performance by periodically reviewing the environmental policy in light of current and planned future activities.

The Department is also committed to the general design considerations of all of its facilities. It is the policy of the Department that all areas of its facilities will be operated in an environment that complies with applicable standards related to building codes, lighting, noise levels and air circulation/temperatures.