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## EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

### POLICY

St. Elizabeth Medical Center shall regularly evaluate their activities that involve a significant environmental aspect for compliance with relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and other appropriate environmental standards (e.g. NIAHO Physical Environment standards).

#### 1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to determine if the Medical Center is operating in compliance with relevant environmental requirements and to initiate corrective action if deficiencies are identified.

#### 2) ABBREVIATIONS

EHSO: Environmental, Health & Safety Officer

NIAHO: National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations

#### 3) DEFINITIONS

*Environmental Aspect* – Element of an organization’s activities or products or services that can interact with the environment.

*Environmental Management Program* – An action plan that an organization establishes for an environmental aspect to achieve the organization’s established environmental goals and objectives.

#### 4) PROCEDURE ELEMENTS - EHSO

Every Medical Center activity that must comply with a federal, state or local environmental regulation, or any other identified environmental standard to which the Medical Center subscribes, such as NIAHO Physical Environment standards, (refer to ECP013, *Environmental Legal and Other Requirements*) will be identified as a Priority 1 Significant Environmental Aspect. A Significant Environmental Aspect Summary will be developed by the Environmental, Health & Safety Officer (EHSO) (refer to ECP012, *Environmental Aspects Management*) for each Significant Environmental Aspect to identify the applicable environmental legal and other requirements, the operational controls in place for compliance with those requirements, and the method to be used for evaluating the effectiveness of the controls in meeting the requirements. The effectiveness evaluation will be performed at a regular frequency that is identified on the Significant Environmental Aspect Summary. The environmental compliance evaluations for all Significant Environmental Aspects will be compiled on a table that is maintained by the EHSO. Results of the evaluations will be reviewed on a regular basis as part of the management reviews (refer to SPP004, *Management Reviews*).

#### 5) REFERENCES

ECP013, Environmental Legal and Other Requirements

ECP012, Environmental Aspects Management

SPP004, Management Reviews

SPP010, Records Management



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### 6) RECORDS

Records of environmental management program effectiveness evaluations will be retained in accordance with SPP010, *Records Management*.

### 7) AUTHORIZING DOCUMENT

ECP005, Environmental Management System Manual

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