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BUFFALO VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AWARDED ENERGY STAR

The Buffalo site of VA Western New York Healthcare System was awarded the Energy Star Label by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The facility has been included in the list of Energy Star labeled buildings & plants on the USEPA Energy Star website.

The Energy Star is the mark of superior energy performance that identifies and rewards buildings as the most energy efficient in the nation. By receiving a plaque, a statement of Energy Performance and a certificate acknowledging the VA's achievement, the VA Healthcare System can allow others to recognize the commitment it has made to superior energy performance and demonstrate environmental leadership.

Success can be attributed to the work of all employees and engineering/facilities department, including: proactive rather than reactive maintenance procedures to ensure reliability, safety, and energy efficiency, maximizing boiler and chiller operational efficiency, energy conservation projects, including the upgrade of the entire facility lighting system, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical system maintenance, specifying energy efficient products for new construction/renovation, advanced energy metering program (AEMP) that meets and exceeds EAct 2005 and EO 13423 requirements. The AEMP includes hourly electricity and natural gas data retrieval and analysis and energy awareness program.

The facility also contributes to reducing its environmental impact on global warming, producing approximately 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions (190 tons per year less) than average hospitals. Annual energy savings translate to approximately \$700,000 compared with similar size hospitals in New York State.

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