



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Michael C. Riordan, GHS President & CEO  
Greenville Memorial Hospital  
701 Grove Road  
Greenville, SC 29605

Subject: An Invitation to Utilize EPA's Audit Policy

Dear President Riordan,

Since 2005, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has partnered with state environmental agencies to provide seven Compliance Assistance Workshops for Hospitals and Healthcare facilities throughout the Southeast. This effort was undertaken to assist these facilities in addressing potential environmental impacts from their operations (e.g., the wide range of toxic chemicals used and wastes generated, the large amounts of energy and water consumed, etc.).

EPA Region 4 recently screened the healthcare sector to identify the largest hospitals in each of the eight Region 4 states, and Greenville Memorial Hospital was identified as one of the larger hospitals in South Carolina. To help mitigate possible environmental impacts due to potential noncompliance, EPA Region 4 is inviting Greenville Memorial Hospital to enter into a time-sensitive partnership with Region 4 to take advantage of the EPA's Audit Policy.<sup>1</sup> As you may already know, this EPA Policy encourages regulated facilities to voluntarily discover, promptly disclose, expeditiously correct, and prevent violations of environmental requirements.

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By taking advantage of this self-auditing and self-reporting opportunity, you have the potential to not only make your institution cleaner and safer, but also to lessen funds needed to offset any penalties which might result from future enforcement action. For more information on the Audit Policy and application of the Policy to hospitals agreeing to participate in this regional initiative, please see Enclosure 1.

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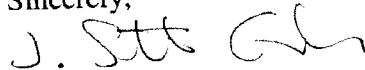
If you are interested in exploring collaboration with EPA for use of the Audit Policy at Greenville Memorial Hospital, please let us know by providing the following information within forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of this letter:

- Name and location of the hospital to be covered by the audit;
- Summary listing of the statutes to be covered by the audit (see Enclosure 2 for an example);
- A statement outlining how Condition 1 of the Audit Policy ("Systematic Discovery") will be addressed;
- A primary contact;
- Confirmation of the schedule for submission of deliverables (e.g., Progress Reports, Disclosure Report).

If you choose to expand to a corporate-wide audit and the above time frames are unworkable for such an expanded program, the Region is available to negotiate an audit agreement. These agreements are an optimal compliance tool for companies with facilities located in more than one location and provide for advanced understanding between the company and EPA regarding schedules for conducting the audit and disclosing the violations.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (404) 562-9741 or by email at [Gordon.scott@epa.gov](mailto:Gordon.scott@epa.gov). In addition, Wesley Hardegree ((404) 562-9629, [Hardegree.wes@epa.gov](mailto:Hardegree.wes@epa.gov)) of my staff is available to take technical questions you may have on the Audit Policy. Legal questions on the Policy should be directed to Kevin Smith ((404) 562-9525, [Smith.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.kevin@epa.gov)).

Sincerely,



J. Scott Gordon  
Associate Director  
Office of Environmental Accountability

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cc: Rebecca Sproles, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control



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John J. Singerling III  
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Palmetto Health Richland  
5 Richland Medical Park Drive  
Columbia SC, 29203

Subject: An Invitation to Utilize EPA's Audit Policy

Dear Mr. Singerling,

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EPA Region 4 recently screened the healthcare sector to identify the largest hospitals in each of the eight Region 4 states, and Palmetto Health Richland was identified as one of the larger hospitals in South Carolina. To help mitigate possible environmental impacts due to potential noncompliance, EPA Region 4 is inviting Palmetto Health Richland to enter into a time-sensitive partnership with Region 4 to take advantage of the EPA's Audit Policy.<sup>1</sup> As you may already know, this EPA Policy encourages regulated facilities to voluntarily discover, promptly disclose, expeditiously correct, and prevent violations of environmental requirements.

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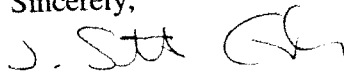
If you are interested in exploring collaboration with EPA for use of the Audit Policy at Palmetto Health Richland, please let us know by providing the following information within forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of this letter:

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Ingo Angermeier, CEO  
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center  
101 East Wood Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29303

Subject: An Invitation to Utilize EPA's Audit Policy

Dear Mr. Angermeier,

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EPA Region 4 recently screened the healthcare sector to identify the largest hospitals in each of the eight Region 4 states, and Spartanburg Regional Medical Center was identified as one of the larger hospitals in South Carolina. To help mitigate possible environmental impacts due to potential noncompliance, EPA Region 4 is inviting Spartanburg Regional Medical Center to enter into a time-sensitive partnership with Region 4 to take advantage of the EPA's Audit Policy.<sup>1</sup> As you may already know, this EPA Policy encourages regulated facilities to voluntarily discover, promptly disclose, expeditiously correct, and prevent violations of environmental requirements.

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Rebecca Sproles South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control