

Vermont Business Environmental Partnership – Green Links

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and Small Business Development Center offer a Vermont Business Environmental Partnership (VBEP) program for golf facilities and it is called the Green Links program. The program incorporates an environmental policy statement. Here is a draft statement for the VBEP program:

Sample Vermont Business Environmental Partner Policy Statement

“(Business name here), is committed to protecting the environment, the health and safety of our employees, and the community in which we conduct our business. It is our policy to seek improvements throughout our business operations to lessen our impact on the local and global environment by conserving energy, water, and other natural resources; reducing waste generation; recycling and purchasing recycled products; and, reducing our use of toxic products. We are committed to pollution prevention, continual improvement and meeting or exceeding environmental all regulatory requirements.

Note: You may adopt this policy statement verbatim or modify it to reflect your unique business situation and philosophy. Any modification should, however, include at minimum the 3 core commitments of ISO-14001 EMS to: pollution prevention, continual improvement, and compliance with all state and federal regulations.”

Vermont Business Environmental Partnership, Standards, *Sample Vermont Business Environmental Partner Policy Statement*, viewed on September 19, 2011, <http://www.vbep.org/standards.html> Note: VBEP provides this service to golf facilities, hotels, and restaurants within Vermont.