



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

As a company that provides remediation engineering and construction services, GES is dedicated to developing and promoting innovative cleanup strategies that restore contaminated sites to productive use. GES' "Sustainable Operations and Remediation (SOAR)" guidance was developed to help our project teams minimize remediation environmental impacts from factors including energy utilization, greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions, soil erosion and depletion, water utilization, and waste management.

We believe that opportunities exist to increase sustainability in remediation projects, regardless of the selected cleanup remedy, and that sustainable remediation strategies can also yield cost savings as environmental impact and carbon footprint reduction are further enhanced through the selection of energy-efficient aggressive remediation technologies.

Waste



Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

GES offers filtered water from a water cooler and encourages employees to refill their own personal water bottles as alternative to individual single use plastic water bottles.

Recycling

GES participates in and supports company-wide and community recycling efforts because we strongly believe in the conservation of our country's natural resources. GES requires all offices to participate in recycling programs in each local area. Recycling containers are generally located near computer printers, copiers, or in the lunch/break area. Each office recycles paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic.

Additionally, we recycle coffee K-Cups and used toner cartridges. GES recycles all computer, laptop, and server equipment, plus other miscellaneous electronics with a Responsible Recycling (R2) compliant electronics recycler. As of March 5, 2020, the GES Maryland office had recycled 4,000 K-Cups, which is approximately 150 lbs.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

GES has purchased programmable thermostats for the office and has programmed on/off times to when staff are in the office Monday through Friday. Temperatures are greatly lowered for evenings/overnights and for weekends.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

GES allows staff to work remotely from home one day per week to save commuting miles and fuel.

Efficient Fleet Vehicles

GES purchases Ford Eco Boost vehicles to increase fuel efficiency in fleet vehicles.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- Certification Programs: Key GES staff are members of the U.S. Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF), and contributed to its industry paper "Integrating Sustainable Principles, Practices, and Metrics into Remediation Projects" and vigorously support finding scientific and engineering approaches and alternatives that reduce the secondary impacts of remediation on the environment.*



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

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