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DGS and the Department of Mental Health Build State-of-the-Art "Green" Kitchen at Metropolitan State Hospital in Southern California

Designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) SILVER certification from the U S Green Building Council, the new main kitchen at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California is built as a model of energy efficiency, water conservation and environmental responsibility. The new facility opened its doors in the summer of 2009.

In addition to its many sustainable design features, the kitchen employs a state-of-the-art cook-chill system, which improves the hospital's ability to meet the special dietary needs of individuals with mental illness; an important element in establishing and maintaining wellness.

The facility also consolidates meal preparation and serving functions previously scattered throughout several locations on hospital grounds, leading to lower operating costs and greater efficiency.

See a video about the new facility, here: http://www.youtube.com/califdgs#p/u/1/-hB5vah_7ug

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