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The journey to a greener, more sustainable and energy-efficient campus includes student recycling programs, improved facility design standards, building metering systems, energy conservation efforts, food service modifications, and a greater awareness in general of the myriad ways to improve our campus environment.

But the journey also requires the setting of policy at the institutional, state/province, and national levels, as well as creating the legal mandates and code-required standards that we might otherwise decline to perform. Whether the reasons are budgetary, political, personal preference, or lack of knowledge, any number of environmental standards and polluting restrictions would simply not be followed if the rule of law did not require us to do so. You may quibble with specific laws and government regulations, but environmental progress in all areas won't occur voluntarily.

This issue of *Facilities Manager* takes a brief look at a couple of discreet areas of concern. Tony Cupido reports on his study of "green" policies from the institutional standpoint and shows that college and university administrators are still in the early stages of solid policy-making. Mitchell Wurmbrand and Thomas Klotz provide an in-depth assessment of the recent EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule and offer useful insight and recommendations. John Saidi and Rich Davis discuss the weekly churn testing requirement of the NFPA 25 standard for fire pumps.

Our final feature is a fun and informative history lesson from Fred Gratto on the development of the U.S. higher education system. In addition, we include an especially strong lineup of columnists on a variety of meaty subjects: Jack Hug on the "creeping crisis" of succession planning and leadership development within our organizations; Matt Adams on the "perfect university employee"; Michael Anthony and Jim Vibbart on innovation in code advocacy efforts; and Ted Weidner with another excellent slate of book reviews.

Finally, we want to remind you that the APPA 2010 conference will take place July 14-16 in Boston, Massachusetts. It promises to be an excellent program, and we urge all educational facilities professionals to join us in Boston. To register, visit www.appa.org/training/APPA2010/index.cfm. 

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