Personal Computing Environmental Policy

Fermilab is committed to managing the life-cycle of computers in accordance with environmentally sustainable practices. To support this effort, all Fermilab employees, visitors and contractors shall adhere to this policy and the procedures which implement this policy.

Acquisition

Fermilab is committed to meeting the prescribed federal acquisition goals for electronic assets by purchasing qualified computing equipment which meets the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) registration requirements. Requisitioners must provide justification for any acquisitions that are not EPEAT registered. These justifications must be reviewed and approved by a designated approver. Purchases that may cause the failure to meet these goals may be denied.

Utilization

Computing assets must be operated in an energy efficient manner. In particular, EPEAT define standards for power management of monitors, laptops, desktops, and printers. Power Management settings are enforced via the appropriate central management mechanism.

The Power Management requirements for desktop operating systems can be found in the respective baseline documents; Mac OSX Baseline, Scientific Linux Fermi Configuration Baseline, and Windows Client Configuration Baseline. Any monitor, laptop, or desktop that cannot meet the Power Management settings must have an approved variance.

Disposition

Disposal of Fermilab's computing assets will be managed in an environmentally sound manner, detailed and coordinated by the Facilities Engineering Services Section's Property Management Department.