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## Kaiser Permanente Hospital Begins Using Recycled Water

**Inland Empire** - The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is pleased to announce that Kaiser Permanente Hospital, located in the City of Ontario, began using recycled water for their cooling towers on Friday, February 26, 2010. Kaiser Permanente is the nation's largest not-for-profit health plan, serving more than 8.6 million members across the United States.

"The Kaiser facility is the second industrial user to use recycled water in the City of Ontario," stated Ontario Councilman Jim Bowman.

Cintas Corporation, who provides laundry and washing services, began using recycled water in the City of Ontario in December 2009. "Kaiser understands the asset recycled water is to their business," added Bowman.

"Recycled water in California is high quality water for non drinking purposes and is regulated by federal and state agencies," stated IEUA Board Member Gene Koopman who represents the City of Ontario. Recycled water can be used in a variety of non-potable uses such as irrigation of golf courses and food crops to commercial car washes and industrial process water. continued Koopman.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is a municipal water district that supplies recycled water and imported water needs for the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Montclair, Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga.