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## **NEW! Boiler Plant Construction is Expected to be Completed March 2021**

Construction of the new boiler plant at the [Malcom Randall VA Medical Center](#) is nearly complete. The new 6,675 square foot boiler plant building (located east of the Honor Parking Lot) houses three new 600 horsepower boilers and provides administrative and support areas for operations staff. Current plans also include moving graphic control, which monitors the building's automation system, chiller plant, and responds to any facility need 24 hours a day, seven days a week by facilities management staff.



*Pictured in photo: The new boiler plant, which is expected to be completed sometime in March 2021, will replace the existing boiler plant which was built before the hospital opened in 1967.*

"The boilers are important as they provide steam which heats water and provides humidification for the operating rooms, and assists in the sterilization process of reusable medical equipment (RME) for the entire Malcom Randall VA Medical Center campus," said Edwin Burnett, Assistant Chief, Facility Management Service. "The

updated system will allow us to continue to provide the excellent surgery services we offer to our patients,” he said.

Once the new boiler plant is complete, removal of the old boilers and related equipment will begin.



***Pictured in photo:** The three new 600 horsepower boilers located in the new facility.*

Each new boiler will produce 20,700 pounds steam per hour, increasing available steam capacity to the hospital to accommodate for future facility expansion.

This project is being completed to update and modernize infrastructure and is only one of the many projects in development across the [North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System](#), click [here to learn more](#).

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and his widow, and his orphan..."*  
- President Abraham Lincoln



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