

**EPA's Commitment to the Integration and Utilization
of
Environmental Management Systems**

EPA's mission is to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment by setting standards for environmental protection, assisting others in reducing or preventing pollution, conducting environmental research and enforcing environmental protection standards in conjunction with other government agencies. In support of this mission, it is critical that we actively manage our operations and activities to prevent, and when necessary, address any potentially adverse environmental impacts they may cause.

In 2002, EPA committed to being a leader in executing effective Environmental Management Systems as a way of making decisions, managing our activities, and planning. This commitment was delineated in "EPA's Environmental Management System Implementation Policy" of May 2002. EPA continues to move forward to integrate and utilize EMS as the framework for enhancing its environmental performance, reducing its environmental footprint to be sufficient to carry out the Agency's mission, and demonstrating its leadership in environmental stewardship.

At EPA, by employing robust and bold EMS, we commit to the goals of: preventing and reducing environmental impacts from Agency operations and activities; compliance with legal and applicable requirements at Agency facilities; and leading by example in the area of environmental stewardship. In order to achieve these goals, we will set and strive to meet both facility-level and Agency-wide EMS objectives and targets. For Fiscal Years 2008 through 2010, the Agency-wide objectives encompass Energy Management, Vehicle Use and Transportation Programs, Paper Consumption, Affirmative Procurement, Chemical Management, Electronics Stewardship, Recycling, and Sustainable Building Design. These objectives and the supporting targets will serve as indicators of the Agency's environmental performance and will include metrics that reflect our commitment to natural resource conservation, environmental compliance, source reduction, pollution prevention, and continual improvement of our operations.

Finally, we will demonstrate our commitment to continual improvement through performance and results-driven monitoring, tracking and reporting, and making adjustments, as needed, to ensure the successful execution of our mission.

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