



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EPA's Commitment to Environmental Management Systems

TO: Deputy Administrator
Assistant Administrators
General Counsel
Inspector General
Chief Financial Officer
Chief of Staff
Associate Administrators
Regional Administrators


In support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mission and in compliance with Executive Order 13514 *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance*, I am pleased to share with you "EPA's Commitment to Environmental Management Systems." Environmental Management Systems will continue to serve as the guiding framework for EPA to meet and, when possible, exceed environmental and energy statutes, regulations and EOs through planning, setting goals and targets, and measuring performance.

EPA has already positioned itself as a leader in environmental stewardship, energy and water conservation by receiving the highest possible rating on the Office of Management and Budget's scorecards in these areas. EPA is one of only four federal organizations to achieve this performance rating for environmental stewardship, which encompasses EMS implementation, green purchasing, sustainable building design and electronic stewardship. Our energy and water efforts surpass the bars established for the federal community in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Our challenge now is to expand upon this commitment to demonstrate our leadership toward sustainability in the federal government and fulfill the goals recently established by EO 13514. As a first step in the implementation of EO 13514, we have set an aggressive target of 25 percent for reduction of Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse-gas emissions. Scope 1 and 2 include emissions from sources we own or control and emissions from the generation of energy we purchase. In June, we will submit a Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan to OMB that includes the attached EMS Commitment Statement, provides for the implementation of the goals and targets of EO 13514, and is integrated with the Agency's Strategic Plan under the

Government Performance and Results Act. One of our greatest challenges will be to establish target and implementation steps for Scope 3 GHG indirect emissions resulting from Agency activities such as employee travel and commuting.

The Agency's Senior Sustainability Officer, Craig E. Hooks, will lead and coordinate the Agency's plans for compliance with EO 13514 through the Senior Steering Committee. I know you will provide Craig the support we need to be successful. I appreciate your efforts in sustaining EPA's leadership position in environmental stewardship.

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Lisa P. Jackson

Attachment

EPA's Commitment to Environmental Management Systems

As the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am committed to Environmental Management Systems as the integrating framework for sustainable management of EPA's operations and compliance with environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and executive orders. Environmental Management Systems will serve as the structure for charting our course to improve environmental performance at all levels.


Already a recognized environmental leader, EPA currently has 33 facility-level Environmental Management Systems in place nationwide. The Agency is building on this success by establishing multisite and higher-tier Environmental Management Systems consistent with the requirements of EO 13423, *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*, and EO 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*. The Agency's senior sustainability officer, in conjunction with senior leadership, will incorporate higher-tier Environmental Management Systems as we work together to define environmental performance goals, establish targets and objectives, and track our progress.

Building from Agencywide objectives already in place and integrating new requirements of EO 13514, the Agency will set and track specific goals, objectives, targets, and metrics. Agency priorities include:

- Greenhouse-gas emissions
- Energy and water use
- Sustainable building design
- Vehicle use and transportation programs
- Chemical use
- Sustainable acquisition
- Paper consumption
- Electronics stewardship
- Recycling
- Solid waste reduction

Effective implementation and maintenance of Environmental Management Systems will help ensure successful accomplishment of our environmental performance goals.

As we demonstrate environmental leadership through our actions, deeds and tangible results, EPA will serve as an example at home and around the world.



Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator

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Date