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**EPA Region 4
Commitment to Environmental Management Systems**

Region 4 is committed to operating an effective Environmental Management System (EMS) as part of an integrated framework for sustainable environmental stewardship. Our EMS will comply with all applicable environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and executive orders. The EMS is integrated with EPA's mission to protect human health and safeguard the environment. This is accomplished through setting targets for environmental stewardship, reducing or preventing pollution, preserving environmental resources and enforcing environmental protection in conjunction with other governmental agencies.

The EMS establishes Region 4's commitment to continually improve our environmental performance, and comply with Executive Order 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance," and Executive Order 13423, "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management." Our commitment extends to continual improvement, creating strategic objectives and targets, maximizing opportunities, and measuring our environmental performance.

We are striving to become a leader in executing a model EMS for EPA. Region 4's EMS is designed to meet the following goals:

- Ensure compliance by meeting or exceeding all applicable environmental laws, regulations, policies and other requirements;
- Strive to continually improve environmental performance in terms of both regulated and unregulated environmental impacts (e.g., energy and resource conservation);
- Provide for a safe and healthy work environment so that our employees are enabled to participate in improving our environmental performance;
- Employ source reduction and other pollution prevention approaches whenever practicable;
- Apply an assessment of environmental impacts to the decision making of our purchases and acquisitions;
- Promote employee awareness and involvement as a means of achieving high performance results and better understanding of the potential benefits of the EMS.

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Heather McTeer Toney
Regional Administrator, Region 4

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