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**US EPA REGION 5 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS)**

*Environmental Management Policy*

It is EPA Region 5's policy to integrate the Environmental Management System (EMS) into our everyday business, activities and operations. We will manage our facilities in a manner that protects the environment, safety of our employees and public health. Guided by our policy and the ISO 14001 standard, we recognize and exercise our responsibilities to:

- Comply with the letter and spirit of all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations; including the EPA *EMS Implementation Policy* signed by Christine Todd Whitman on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and Executive Order 13148;
- Commit to the to the standards set forth in Executive Orders 13423 and 13514 to reduce Region 5's carbon footprint by setting the highest possible standards for greenhouse gas reduction, sustainable resources management, and pollution prevention by adhering to national models for EPA travel, meetings, energy use, waste diversion, and chemical disposal;
- Consider environmental factors when making planning, purchasing, and operating decisions regarding activities, products and services;
- Provide appropriate training and education for employees to be environmentally responsible on the job through EPA initiatives such as the reduction in paper consumption, Waste Wise and Energy Star;
- Pursue continuous improvement in regard to documenting and maintaining our EMS;
- Consistently monitor our environmental performance regularly through evaluations and audits;
- Ensure transparency at all levels of decision making and implementation of the EMS for our stakeholders;
- Share our performance with the public;
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout our organization and affiliates at all levels; and
- Revisit this Policy and the EMS during the annual Management Review to make any necessary revisions due to operational changes, organizational priorities or environmental improvements.

  
 Cheryl Newton, Assistant Regional Administrator  
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2/18/14  
 Date

  
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 Date