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I am pleased to join the Administrator in presenting the Environmental Protection Agency's web-based *FY 2014 Financial and Program Performance Highlights*, an exclusively online report designed to provide easy access to key information about our annual performance and financial results.

During FY 2014, the EPA achieved many important milestones working collaboratively with our federal, state, and tribal partners to advance our mission to protect human health and the environment. After addressing approximately 200 sets of stakeholder comments as a result of extensive outreach, we issued the *FY 2014-2018 EPA Strategic Plan*, which will guide our work over the next few years. We also continued to work with our partners to implement E-Enterprise for the Environment, a transformative 21st century strategy to modernize how government agencies deliver environmental protection. Through joint governance, the states, tribes, and the EPA are collaboratively streamlining business processes and driving and sharing innovations across agencies and programs that will benefit the regulated community as well as the public.

Throughout FY 2014, we continued to take our role as stewards of the resources entrusted to us seriously. For the 15th consecutive year, the EPA's Office of Inspector General issued an unqualified or "clean" opinion on the Agency's financial statements. We evaluated our internal controls for several sensitive payment areas and took actions to implement corrective actions to strengthen internal controls for these areas. To improve our business operations, we transitioned to a new human resources and payroll shared service provider, the Department of the Interior's Interior Business Center, to integrate our human resources and payroll information to improve business performance. We also changed our electronic travel system shared service provider to Concur, which will allow better oversight and verification of employee travel-related expenditures, and avoid increased costs.

EPA remains committed to financial excellence and will continue striving to ensure that we use taxpayer dollars effectively and efficiently in fulfilling our mission. I look forward to the Agency's continued success through collaboration with our partners and stakeholders to help deliver the best results to the American people.

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David A. Bloom
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