



The EPA's Commitment to Environmental Management Systems

As the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am proud of the progress the EPA has made in developing and maintaining an environmental management system in accordance with Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management, and Executive Order 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance. The environmental management system supports the EPA in achieving its mission and helps manage federal priorities including:

- Greenhouse-gas reductions
- Energy and water conservation
- Fleet vehicle use and transportation programs
- Sustainable acquisitions
- Pollution prevention, waste and chemical-use reduction
- Electronic stewardship

Through the higher-tier, multi-site and 34 facility-level environmental management systems, the EPA has continued to reduce its environmental impact by integrating the goals identified in the Strategic Sustainable Performance Plan into the environmental management system objectives, targets and metrics.

I am committed to improving the environmental management system and using it to reduce the agency's environmental footprint, to measure our environmental performance and to help the EPA address new challenges. Given current fiscal and budgetary challenges, the increased efficiency the environmental management system provides will help advance the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. Through the environmental management system's emphasis on outreach, the EPA will strengthen its partnership with federal, state, local and tribal communities and broaden the collaboration with these partners to further the agency's role as an environmental leader nationally and globally. The EPA will demonstrate environmental stewardship by effectively managing its environmental impacts through its environmental performance and by meeting or exceeding legal requirements. The environmental management system is a valuable tool for confronting climate change, promoting chemical safety, reducing pollution, and increasing the overall sustainability of EPA operations.

Through the effective implementation, maintenance and continuous improvement of the environmental management system, we are certain to succeed in accomplishing our goals.



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