

Working Toward a Sustainable Future Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Action Plan

The Agency's work in the FY15 Sustainability Action Plan, particularly in sustainable products and purchasing, green infrastructure, sustainable materials management, and energy efficiency, laid the foundation for how to demonstrate sustainable principles in action. However, now we must go further to imbed the sustainability principles into all of our decisions and actions. To that end, the FY16 Action Plan focuses on helping EPA's workforce integrate sustainability principles into our core lines of business (e.g., permits, rules, site remediation, contracts, grants) and our facilities and operations, and enhancing our use of metrics, indicators, and analytical tools.

- 1. Sustainability Communication and Engagement Initiative – We will bring together all of the sustainability tools and resources that we identified and developed during FY15, and share it broadly both internally and externally in a series of communication and engagement events. (Leads: R1, R9, OCSPP, OP, OSWER)**
 - A. By October 30, 2015 – Region 2 conduct pilot training on Sustainability for regional staff.
 - B. By November 30, 2015 - Develop an engagement plan for internal and external roll-out of videos with metrics for success to track the transfer of sustainability practices into our EPA work.
 - C. By January 31, 2016 - Begin internal roll out of videos, including splash page, etc. and identify existing or develop training on tools/resources highlighted in internal videos. Also identify videos under consideration for external rollout.
 - D. By March 31, 2016 - Develop Sustainability 101 training for staff, and launch training in the third quarter.
 - E. By April 30, 2016 - Begin external roll out of at least 5 videos.
 - F. By May 30, 2016 – Regions host Sustainability Day events in each Region to educate staff.
 - G. By June 30, 2016 – Working with Regions, HQ host OneEPA Sustainability Event in Washington DC for practitioners. The event will include both the Sustainability Staff Network and the Community Resource Network to share training and tools and develop recommendations for future work/areas of focus.

- 2. Sustainable Materials Management and the Group of Seven (G7): Seeking Life Cycle-Thinking and Action – Based on conversations started at the G7 summit in Germany, we will continue to network with German and UK workshop organizers, US Chamber of Commerce, US businesses, States, and NGO representatives to identify sustainable materials management approaches, US business perspectives, and best practices in the auto sector supply chain. We will partner with the auto sector through the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment and other key stakeholders to plan for and host a US supply chain workshop. (Leads: OSWER, OITA, OP, with all Regions)**
 - A. By October 30, 2015 – Participate in German and UK G7-Alliance workshops.
 - B. By May 30, 2016 - Host US G7-Alliance supply chain workshop. The US supply chain workshop will focus on the auto sector, but also incorporate cross-agency efforts.
 - C. By July 30, 2016 - Identify a pilot project based on auto sector supply chain workshop outcomes.

- 3. Federal Supply Chain Sustainability – We will engage Federal suppliers at a roundtable identifying best practices in supply chain sustainability and the technology used to achieve sustainability goals. Federal supply chain sustainability is a central theme in EO 13693 and requires EPA and our federal partners to practice sustainable procurement. (Leads: OP and OCSPP)**
 - A. By January 29, 2016 – Using Federal Scorecard on GHG identify up to 10 Federal suppliers with whom to organize a roundtable to discuss supply chain sustainability.
 - B. By April 30, 2016 – Host a roundtable to share sustainable supply chain success stories and technologies used to achieve them.
 - C. By September 30, 2016 – Develop a video identifying the different practices used to achieve sustainability in the supply chain.
 - D. By September 30, 2016 – The Regions and HQ will meet with their GSA counterparts, FEBs, and/or other partner federal agencies to identify opportunities to practice supply chain sustainability aligning with EO 13693.

- 4. Sustainable Food Management – We will engage EPA regions and our stakeholders to advance sustainable food management practices throughout the U.S. by preventing pollution and diverting wasted food from landfills. (Leads: R9 and R1, collaborating with OSWER, OCSPP, and OP)**
 - A. By December 31, 2015 - Co-host a National Food Recovery Summit with the Southeast Recycling Development Council to convene key stakeholders, encourage solutions as well as identify opportunities, tools and resources needed to advance food recovery and reduce wasted food.
 - B. By July 29, 2016 - Host discussions with food manufacturers and stakeholders working with food manufacturers to identify pollution prevention solutions to reduce their environmental impact and connect them with EPA tools.
 - C. By August 31, 2016 - Partner with ORD and EPA regions to develop a national interactive map displaying all food waste generators, food waste estimates where possible, and excess food and scrap receptors to increase food recovery and recycling.
 - D. By September 30, 2016 - Nationally recruit and retain 400 participants in EPA’s Food Recovery Challenge.