EPA Open Government Progress Report:
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- Visit http://challenge.gov/epa#&panel1-3 to see a current status of EPA challenges including:
    - Campus RainWorks

Transparency, Participation and Collaboration Actions/Opportunities:

- Over the past quarter EPA offered many ways for the public to get informed and involved including:
    - Published a speech by the Administrator
    - Initiated numerous blog conversations on Greenversations (blog.epa.gov/blog/), authored by various EPA employees and interns

Greater Transparency: Expanding and Improving Data.gov Inventories

- EPA added 28 datasets to Data.gov including:
    - 12 WATERS services that expose components which perform complex analysis and their supporting strategic datasets such as the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), NHDPlus, and National Hydrography Dataset
    - 12 datasets of ENERGY STAR Qualified Product Lists, machine-readable lists of products that have met ENERGY STAR's efficiency standards

Making More Data Available: Supporting the Administration's Digital Strategy

- Met milestones as detailed at www.epa.gov/digitalstrategy including:
    - Agency-wide governance for developing and delivering digital services
    - Enterprise-wide inventory of mobile devices and wireless service contracts

Partnering Across Government/Industry: Federal Facilities Site Evaluation Project

- The Federal Facility Site Evaluation Project (FFSEP) is the culmination of a two-year effort to determine the assessment and cleanup status of 514 federally owned sites
- EPA partnered with other Federal departments and agencies on this effort, which also provided the public an additional opportunity to be informed and engaged in cleanup activities in their community
- The sites had not been fully assessed with regard to site cleanup
- EPA's goal is to reinvigorate the assessment and evaluation process for sites determined to be stalled

Reaching Out: My Green Apps and the Community Engagement Flagship Initiative

My Green Apps

- Launched My Green Apps (www.epa.gov/greenapps), a website to help people find over 100 existing environmental apps (for smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices)
- Includes apps from EPA, other agencies, and third party developers about a broad range of topics
- People can "like" an idea for an app or suggest an existing app to add to the site

Community Engagement Flagship Initiative

- Highlights of our Flagship efforts, in varying stages of progress, are provided via links below
- To support sharing experiences internally and externally, we captured benefits, lessons learned and other qualitative information for many of the Flagship efforts (updated as flagships conclude)
- Flagship Theme: Expanding the Environmental Conversation with Communities:
  – Urban Waters (Completed)
  – Improve Communication of Sampling and Testing Results (Ongoing)
  – Improve Delivery of Information to Communities (Ongoing)
  – Faces of the Grassroots (Completed)
- Flagship Theme: Expanding Public Awareness & Involvement in Developing Rules and Regulations:
  – Healthy Waters (Ongoing)
  – Chesapeake Bay TMDL Webinar Series (Completed)
  – NPDES Pre-proposal Involvement (Completed)
  – Rulemaking Gateway (Completed)
- Flagship Theme: EPA Mobile Apps to Empower Citizen's Environmental Decisions:
  – See Apps for the Environment Challenge and EPA's Mobile web site for additional information

Protecting the Public: Enforcement Results and Next Round of Clean Air Standards

- Released FY2012 enforcement results, showing significant environmental and public health protections achieved including:
  – A reduction of 2.2 billion pounds of air, water and land pollution
  – Reduction of 4.4 billion pounds of hazardous waste
  – Levied $252 million in civil and criminal penalties
  – Other enforcement efforts with smaller reduced amounts of pollution yet substantial health impacts in communities
- Announced next round of Clean Air Standards to reduce harmful soot pollution
  – In response to a court order, EPA finalized an update to national air quality standards for harmful fine particle pollution (PM2.5), including soot
  – Sets the annual health standard at 12 micrograms per cubic meter
  – By 2020, ninety-nine percent of U.S. counties are projected to meet revised health standard without any additional actions

Collaboration and Participation: Examples of Opportunities

- Sought public comment on a proposed agreement to allow the Massachusetts Army National Guard to resume training with 40mm practice rounds on the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR)
- For Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, hosted two free webinars - one for contractors and another for property owners - on the hazards of lead and lead-based paint
- Encouraged students in grades K-12 to enter the President's Environmental Youth Awards Competition
- Announced public comment period on proposal to Ban Dumping Sewage from boats into Lake Erie
- Established a new partnership with Delaware State University to strengthen the environmental sciences curriculum and professional development at the university and support sustainable environmental initiatives campus-wide and in the local community
- Worked with universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas to reduce food waste as part of the EPA's national Food Recovery Challenge
- Partnered with the Department of Energy (DOE) to release the 2013 Fuel Economy Guide, giving consumers clear and easy-to-read information to help them choose the most fuel efficient and low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles that meet their needs
- Collaborated with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in a worldwide research effort to assess any potential impacts of nanomaterials on people's health and the environment
- Collaborated with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to announce two funding opportunities for up to 10 grants and a total of up to $32 million to conduct research in the design of safer chemicals

Leveraging Partnerships and Technology: FOIAonline

- FOIAonline is being tracked as part of EPA's OpenGov Plan 2.0
- EPA partnered with the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to launch FOIAonline on October 1, 2012, an automated public site for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and data
- FOIAonline gives the public one place to submit FOIA requests, track progress, communicate with processing agencies, search requests, access previously released responsive documents and file appeals
- As of December 31, 2012, participating agencies include EPA, DOC (except the US Patent and Trade Office), NARA's Office of the General Counsel, Merit Systems Protection Board, Federal Labor Relations Authority, and a few Department of Treasury offices and bureaus (see FOIAonline)
- For agencies FOIAonline provides a secure website to receive and store requests, assign and process requests, post responses, generate metrics, manage records electronically, create management reports and electronically generate annual reports agencies must file with the Department of Justice