

## INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL SECTION

This section of the Performance and Accountability Report contains the Agency's financial statements, required supplementary information and related Independent Auditor's Report, as well as other information on the Agency's financial management. Information presented here satisfies the reporting requirements of OMB Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*, as well as the following legislation:

- Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990
- Government Management Reform Act of 1994

The first portion of this section contains Principal Financial Statements. The statements provide a comparison of FY 2007 and 2006 data. EPA prepares the following required statements:

- **Balance Sheet** – presents, as of a specific time, amounts of future economic benefits owned or managed by the reporting entity exclusive of items subject to stewardship reporting (assets), amounts owed by the entity (liabilities), and amounts which comprise the difference (net position).
- **Statement of Net Cost** – presents the gross cost incurred by the reporting entity less any exchange revenue earned from its activities. EPA also prepares a Statement of Net Cost by Goal to provide cost information at the strategic goal level.
- **Statement of Changes in Net Position** – reports the change in net position during the reporting period. Net position is affected by changes to its two components: Cumulative Results of Operations and Unexpended Appropriations.
- **Statement of Budgetary Resources** – provides information about how budgetary resources were made available as well as their status at the end of the period.
- **Statement of Custodial Activity** – reports collection of nonexchange revenue for the General Fund of the Treasury, trust funds, and other recipient entities. EPA, as the collecting entity, does not recognize these collections as revenue. Rather, the Agency accounts for sources and disposition of the collections as custodial activities on this statement.

The accompanying *Notes to Financial Statements* provide a description of significant accounting policies as well as detailed information on select statement lines. These Notes and the principal statements are audited by EPA's Inspector General.

The *Required Supplementary Information* portion of this section provides the following unaudited information:

- **Deferred Maintenance** – reports maintenance that was not performed when it should have been or was scheduled to be and which, therefore, is put off or delayed for a future period.
- **Supplemental Statement of Budgetary Resources** – provides information by Agency fund group about how the budgetary resources were made available as well as their status at the end of the period.
- **Stewardship PP&E (Land)** – provides information on EPA land and land rights (easements) acquisitions/withdrawals related to remedial clean-up sites.

The *Required Supplementary Stewardship Information* portion provides information on substantial investments made by the Federal Government for the benefit of the nation – physical assets not owned by the Government. EPA reports on three areas: Stewardship Investments for Non-Federal Physical Property (clean water and drinking water facilities), Human Capital (awareness training and fellowships), and Research and Development.

The *Supplemental Information* portion presents the following unaudited information:

[Superfund Financial Statements and Related Notes](#) – provides information on the Superfund Trust Fund.

The Inspector General's Report on EPA's Fiscal 2007 and 2006 Financial Statements provides the following information:

- Auditor's opinion on the financial statements,
- Audit findings and/or recommendations,
- Evaluation of internal controls,
- Test of compliance with laws and regulations, and
- Agency comments on the audit findings and the Inspector General's evaluation.