

## Increase environmental progress by practicing the 'art of the possible'

### Principles of 'a better way'

- Reward results, not programs
- Collaboration, not polarization
- Lead with science and technology
- Solutions transcend political boundaries
- Assure compliance, enforce the law



### Looking ahead 400 days

*"The American people have placed their trust in us to protect the land, air and water of our Nation. They expect better environmental results sooner. Over the next 400 days, we will join forces with our partners to finish or reach a significant point of achievement on our shared priorities."*

-- Richard E. Greene

#### Clean The Air

Ensure clean air for communities

- ▶ Kick off an area-wide challenge/campaign maximizing the number of diesel retrofit/replacement projects qualifying for TERP DFW area funding; December 2007 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Seek a commitment with DFW Airport Board of Directors to lower emissions; December 2007 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Propose to approve or disapprove the DFW SIP; May - July 2008 <sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ Complete DFW SIP strategy, based on comments received, progress of initiatives and ozone air quality improvements; December 2008 <sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ Propose Houston's reclassification from moderate to severe 8-hour ozone nonattainment in response to the Texas Governor's request; December 2007 <sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ Final approval of the Houston reclassification, and schedule for SIP submittal; June 2008 <sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ Beaumont attainment for the 8-hour ozone standard; February 2008 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Early emissions strategy to achieve reductions in the Houston-Galveston area; October 2008
- ▶ Approve Ozone Flex agreements for 3 communities, putting in place steps for early attainment of 8-hour ozone standard; October 2008

#### Restore And Protect The Water <sup>1,2</sup>

Ensure safe drinking water

- ▶ Drinking water meeting all health standards (person-month basis) for at least 93.5% of the Region's population served by Community Water Systems; September 2008 <sup>2</sup>

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters

- ▶ Enlist 20 additional communities in water conservation/efficiency partnerships to save 3M gallons of water per year; December 2008
- ▶ Release the Highest Contributing Watershed Report and develop a strategy for targeting nutrient reduction efforts; September 2008 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Complete rock placement for Shell Beach portion of Lake Borgne CWPPRA project.
- ▶ Initiate construction phase of 3 additional CWPPRA projects if funding is approved by Task Force; December 2008
- ▶ Improve water quality conditions in 3 watersheds; September 2008

#### Recycle And Renew Polluted Land

Make land available for Reuse

- ▶ Approve Tar Creek OU4 Superfund Site final remedy; March 2008 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Complete 1 major transaction that promotes redevelopment in the Region; September 2008
- ▶ Prepare 3 site-wide Superfund sites ready for reuse
- ▶ Complete remedies at 4 nationally significant Superfund sites
- ▶ Attain human health protection by eliminating potential exposure pathways at 1 Superfund site
- ▶ Control groundwater migration at 2 Superfund sites and 2 priority RCRA facilities
- ▶ Complete or oversee 25 removal actions or emergency responses within the Superfund program
- ▶ Conduct 50 Brownfield assessments; reach 25 final Superfund site assessment decisions
- ▶ Control Human Exposure to toxins at 2 priority RCRA facilities
- ▶ Bring 10 hazardous waste management facilities in place to prevent releases to air, soil and groundwater
- ▶ Select corrective action remedies at 4 priority RCRA facilities; complete corrective action construction at 4 priority RCRA facilities
- ▶ Reduce toxic chemicals by 50,000 lbs through the NEPPs Program
- ▶ Issue 3 Ready for Reuse Determinations promoting RCRA facilities revitalization

#### Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits

- ▶ Conduct 15 inspections/exercises at oil storage facilities with Facility Response Plans <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Complete 2 PRP-lead removals with enforceable instruments
- ▶ Reach settlement or enforcement action with viable PRPs before remedial action start at 95% of Superfund sites
- ▶ Address 100% of Superfund site's Statute of Limitations cases with unaddressed total costs equal to or greater than \$200,000
- ▶ Pilot a Self Audit program with Texas Homebuilders Association to improve compliance with stormwater regulations; December 2008
- ▶ Initiate an air toxics inspection targeting initiative/pilot with City of Houston; Spring 2008

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## **Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective (cont.)**

- ▶ Conduct 10 CAA inspections in or affecting nonattainment areas<sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ Undertake 5 CAA enforcement actions in or affecting nonattainment areas
- ▶ Conduct 75% CAFO inspections in impaired watersheds
- ▶ Conduct 50% NPDES inspections in impaired watersheds
- ▶ Develop a regional SSO enforcement strategy
- ▶ Develop a comprehensive regional safe drinking water enforcement strategy addressing all systems, regardless of size

## **Promote Innovative Approaches to Environmental Problem-solving**

### Alternative Asbestos Control Method (AACM)<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Complete 3 pilot tests and peer review; September 2008<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Provide scientific evaluation to help Agency decision makers decide future course of action on AACM; September 2008

### Blue Skyways Collaborative (BSC)<sup>2,3</sup>

- ▶ BSC partners reach the \$600M funding mark; announce 25 new members to reach 136; increase greenhouse gases emission reductions from 500K tons to 1M tons; increase diesel engine retrofits achieved from 11,742 to 12,742K; December 2008<sup>2,3</sup>

### Dallas Sustainable Skylines (DSSI)

- ▶ Host event with the City of Dallas recognizing new DSSI partners and update on the progress/successes of the 7 core projects; expected emission reductions are 2.1 tons of NOx; September 2008

### Seek positive opportunities for collaboration with regulated parties

- ▶ Cowboys Stadium joins Performance Track program at the national conference; May 2008<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Complete final Trinity River Project EIS review; December 2008
- ▶ Convene a forum with stakeholders following publication of the revised EPA CAFO regulation; December 2008

## **Help Protect The Security of America<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

### Disaster Response and Preparedness

- ▶ Complete 'Pairing' agreement with Region 7 on emergency preparedness and response, and agreement to conduct joint exercises on emergency operations and water security; September 2008
- ▶ Complete Region 6 training and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) facility; July 2008
- ▶ Increase Response Support Corps by 15%
- ▶ Conduct 8-10 table and/or field exercises<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ Maintain an emergency response readiness score of 80% or better
- ▶ Conduct 125 risk management plan audits
- ▶ Conduct 3 exercises with Sister City communities along the border<sup>3</sup>

## **Help Protect The Security of America<sup>1,2,3</sup> (cont.)**

### Disaster Response and Preparedness

- ▶ Improve Internal Preparedness by conducting 2 exercises; training of staff on COOP and evacuation plans
- ▶ Complete installation of 2 RadNet Monitors; September 2008

## **Assist Recovery Efforts in Louisiana<sup>2,3</sup>**

### Address priorities of hurricane response

- ▶ Complete associated FEMA assignments, and transition work to Louisiana officials; March 2008<sup>2,3</sup>

## **Develop Collaborative Networks**

### Address state-specific priorities and objectives<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Assist TX, LA, and AR with clean air plans for nonattainment areas
- ▶ Assist OK in addressing Northeastern OK water quality pollution
- ▶ Assist OK with infrastructure needs driven by public water supply standards
- ▶ Provide AR with up-to-date information on oil and gas exploration and development monitoring
- ▶ Work with AR to improve management water quality planning activities
- ▶ Assist AR with carbon emission guidelines
- ▶ Maximize participation in the TX Emissions Reduction Program
- ▶ Assist TX in implementation of new federal drinking water standards in TX through training and/or technical assistance as requested
- ▶ Work with NM on 319 watershed protection grants and review of water quality standards
- ▶ Continue Superfund transition of Molycorp (Conoco) to NMED
- ▶ Assist LA with implementation of the LA Clean Waters Program

### Address tribal priorities and objectives<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Narrow environmental protection gaps in tribal priority area of open dumping<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ Assist the Pueblo of Sandia with the inspection of 1 facility on Pueblo lands; Spring 2008
- ▶ Assist San Felipe Pueblo in developing a plan ensuring all Pueblo members receive safe clean drinking water; Spring 2008
- ▶ MOUs with Haskell Indian Nations University and University of North Texas to encourage development of environmental studies programs and tribal environmental professionals; August 2008
- ▶ Hold interagency meeting to address improving environmental conditions on tribal lands; May 2008
- ▶ Initiate water quality assessment of domestic water wells on tribal lands; March 2008
- ▶ Drinking water meeting all health standards (person-month basis) for at least 93.5% of tribal population served by Community Water Systems; September 2008<sup>2</sup>

# Regional Administrator's 400-Day Plan 2008

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## **Develop Collaborative Networks (cont.)**

Address community priorities and objectives

- ▶ Host Third Annual "Beyond Translation Forum"; October 2008 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Conduct 2 pilot projects to prepare environmental justice communities for emergency situations; August 2008
- ▶ Increase pesticides study awareness for 300 workers and their families in the Rio Grande Valley, TX area
- ▶ Increase environmental health awareness and related careers for 200 students

## **Improve The Environment Along The US/Mexico Border**

Provide border residents safe drinking water and adequate sanitation <sup>1 2 3</sup>

- ▶ Partner with NM and TX to improve environmental conditions along the Border
- ▶ Reduce border project unliquidated obligations by \$45M; December 2008 <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Complete 11 BEIF water/wastewater border projects; December 2008 <sup>1 2 3</sup>
- ▶ Clean up in excess of 600,000 additional tires as part of the Border Strategy

## **Energy Production and Efficiency <sup>1 2</sup>**

Promote innovative energy projects to meet the nation's energy needs

- ▶ Release a region wide consolidated energy and climate change strategy; March 2008

## **Managing Resources Wisely <sup>2 3</sup>**

Annual Commitment System

- ▶ Meet all priority measures in the organizational assessment; September 2008 <sup>2 3</sup>

Implement a strategic human capital program <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Revise/update the Regional PeoplePlan
- ▶ Provide 45 training courses to Region 6's EPA staff
- ▶ Through monthly meetings of the Labor Management Committee, seek collaborative ways to improve the workplace
- ▶ Provide Executive Coaching sessions to at least 40 managers
- ▶ Initiate the second class of Leadership Development Program; May 2008

Ensure integrity of our financial management

- ▶ Achieve a \$250M reduction in ULOs in Region 6; September 2008

**Questions?  
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our goals**



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