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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT NEXT STEPS IN SUCCESSFULLY MEETING EXECUTIVE ORDER
REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The President has long been committed to ensuring a strong environmental stewardship policy for the federal government. On April 1, 2002, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) sent a letter to the heads of all federal agencies emphasizing the importance of developing an Environmental Management System (EMS). The letter reaffirmed the importance of Executive Order 13148 (April 2000) which established requirements for the implementation of EMS at all appropriate Federal facilities by December 31, 2005.

Subsequently, in January 2006, OMB launched new scorecard initiatives related to key Executive Order and statutory environmental management goals, with EMS as a fundamental requirement.

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive is working closely with the agencies, to assess their status and progress in implementing EMS—about 15% of federal facilities have met the goal. We encourage all agencies to adopt and implement EMS. We would like your agency to work with us, through the new scorecard process, to establish a firm date for final completion of these efforts. EMS will help to better equip agencies with the information, resources, strategy, and feedback they need to ensure they are continuously improving their performance and reducing their environmental impact. EMS can be an integral component in helping Federal agencies accomplish their missions more efficiently and economically, and at the same time be better stewards of all of our essential natural resources.

We have asked the Federal Environmental Executive, Edwin Piñero, to continue to work with the agencies and EOP offices to ensure we fully meet and sustain our commitments and goals. Your continued leadership and senior direction are important and very much appreciated.