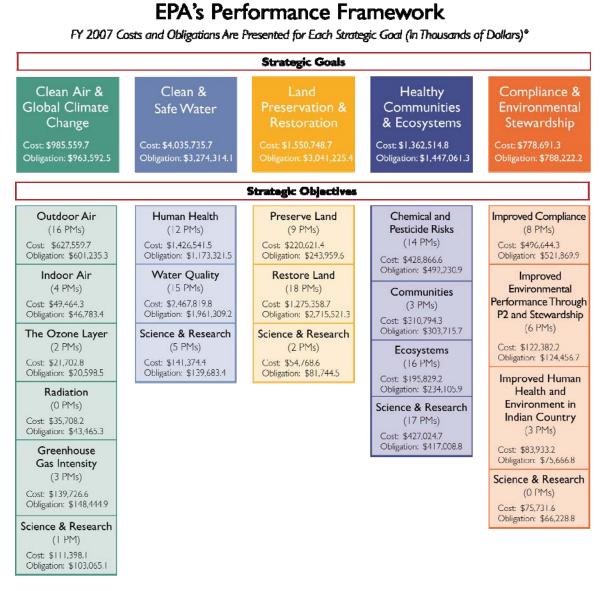
INTRODUCTION TO PERFORMANCE SECTION

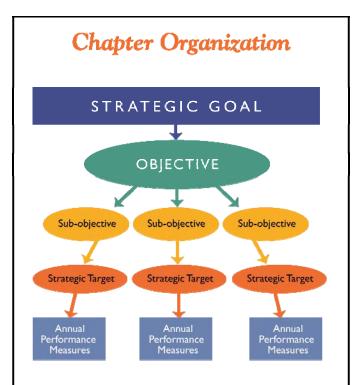
This section provides performance information for each of EPA's five strategic goals: (1) Clean Air and Global Climate Change, (2) Clean and Safe Water, (3) Land Preservation and Restoration, (4) Healthy Communities and Ecosystems, and (5) Compliance and Environmental Stewardship. Each goal chapter opens by reviewing the purpose of the goal and the public benefits it provides, lists contributing EPA programs, and then discusses the progress that the Agency has made toward achieving each of the strategic objectives supporting that goal and the challenges we face. This general information is intended to provide an overview of EPA's FY 2007 performance and progress toward its longer-term goals and objectives.

More complete and detailed performance information for the goal is provided in the table of results that follows the general discussion. The table is organized by objective and includes the longer-range strategic targets that are a part of EPA's *2006 – 2011 Strategic Plan*. Objective by objective, the table provides detailed FY 2004 through FY 2007 results for each annual performance measure included in EPA's FY 2007 Annual Plan and Budget. For measures where EPA has missed or significantly exceeded its FY 2007 target or does not yet have complete FY 2007 performance data, the table provides explanations. Measures that are not currently used for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) assessments appear in italics.

The Performance Section also lists PART assessments conducted under each of the strategic goals. Future PART measures for each strategic goal are listed in a separate table, along with the year EPA expects to begin reporting data against them. Additional information on PART assessments and EPA's progress in making program improvements is available at ExpectMore.gov.



Note: See Performance Results for each Goal and Strategic Objective for presentation of dollars associated with FY 2007 costs and obligations. * Reconciles with SF-1 33, Lines 8a and 8b—Obligations.



STRATEGIC GOAL: Identifies the overall environmental result that EPA is working to achieve in carrying out its mission to protect human health and the environment.

OBJECTIVE: Supports EPA's strategic goals by identifying more specific environmental outcomes or results the Agency intends to achieve within a given time frame, using available resources. EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan includes 20 objectives.

SUB-OBJECTIVE: Divides the objectives into discrete measurable outcomes. Sub-objectives do not overlap, but collectively contribute to the achievement of an objective. EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan includes 45 sub-objectives.

STRATEGIC TARGET: Occurs within a sub-objective when necessary to provide additional measurable detail or elaboration on the sub-objective. EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan includes 26 strategic targets.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE (APM): The metric that EPA uses to evaluate its success in achieving annual progress in working toward longer-term goals.