

Reflecting our WE CARE values

- *Workforce Diversity - promote open dialogue & value cultural differences in decision-making*
- *Environmental Stewardship - partner with States, Tribes and communities to carrying out our mission*
- *Character - 'walk the talk' and set a good example*
- *Accountability - accept responsibility*
- *Respect - we treat others with consideration and dignity*
- *Excellence - lead by thinking strategically, communicating openly, and working collaboratively*



Looking ahead 300 days

"Our communities have placed their trust in us to protect their land, air and water. They expect measurable environmental results and transparency. Over the next 300 days, we will join with our partners to achieve the shared priorities outlined in this plan."

- Larry Starfield

Strengthening the Economy by Improving the Environment

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- Expedite review and award of applications. Assist States, Tribes and partners in meeting goals outlined in the Agency's ARRA Plan
- Create and maintain public Web site supporting transparency and accountability goals
- Expedite NEPA and permit reviews
- Address ARRA staffing needs through term appointments and PAVE opportunities
- Achieve 20% green goals for SRF projects

Clean the Air

Ensure clean air for communities

- Propose Baton Rouge 8-hour designation plan by December 2009
- Provide 8-hour ozone designation boundary recommendations under 75-ppb ozone standard for 22 non-attainment areas
- Propose Beaumont-Port Arthur 1997 8-hour ozone redesignation & maintenance plan

Recycle and Renew Polluted Land

Make land available for Reuse

- Complete 3 NPL remedies, select 3 new remedies, control ground water migration at 2 sites, make 2 sites ready for reuse, and complete 30 final site assessments
- Conduct 75 Brownfield assessments
- Complete 10 oil spill removals and 19 Superfund-lead removal actions responses
- Issue 6 Ready for Reuse Determinations promoting RCRA facility revitalization
- Complete corrective action construction at 20 priority RCRA sites
- Control Human Exposure to toxins at 15 priority RCRA facilities
- Review and approve 20 Comprehensive Performance Test plans for hazardous waste boilers and industrial furnaces

Restore and Protect the Water

Ensure safe drinking water

- Provide drinking water meeting all health based standards for at least 95% (person-month basis) of the population served by Community Water Systems; September 2009
- Achieve 94% issuance rate for NPDES permits
- Propose CAFO general permits and implement the 2008 CAFO regulations
- Complete the Los Alamos National Lab stormwater permit

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters

- Document recent progress in restoring Rio Cebolla, NM; Beaty Creek, OK; Sandy Creek, OK; Yellowstone Creek, OK
- Develop comprehensive nutrient databases and investigate options for numeric nutrient criteria for both the Red River and Gulf Hypoxia Zone
- Begin construction on CWPPRA Whiskey Island Back Barrier Marsh Creation Project and Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery Project
- Complete 185 TMDLs including those for nutrient impairment in the Mississippi River Basin

Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits

- Conduct RCRA compliance evaluations at 2 centralized waste treatment facilities
- Conduct 10 CAA compliance evaluations of facilities in or affecting non-attainment areas
- Initiate 2 CAA enforcement actions from the Houston air toxics inspection targeting initiative
- Take 2 additional CAA enforcement actions on facilities in or affecting non-attainment areas
- Complete 3 PRP-lead removals with enforceable instruments
- Reach settlement or take enforcement action prior to remedial action at 95% of Superfund sites with viable PRPs
- Address 100% of Statute of Limitations cases for Superfund sites with unaddressed total costs of \$200,000 or more

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Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits (cont)

- 75% of the CAFO inspections will be conducted in impaired watersheds
- 50% of the NPDES inspections will be conducted in impaired watersheds
- Implement the Regional SSO permit enforcement strategy for 2 priority municipal systems

Promote Innovative Approaches to Environmental Problem-solving

Blue Skyways Collaborative (BSC)

- Assist partners in reaching the \$1.4B funding mark
- Announce 27 new members
- Increase greenhouse gases emission reductions from 1.9M tons to 2.5M tons
- Assure an additional 1,000 diesel engine retrofits

Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative (DSSI)

- Host first national EPA Sustainable Communities Conference
- Expand DSSI to other cities
- Enlist at least 15 new DSSI partners

Pesticides Awareness Project

- Conduct pilot project to reduce "take home" pesticide exposure for 400 farmworker families by September

Seek positive opportunities for collaboration with regulated parties

- Host EarthFest 2009 with Partners. Assist with coordination of volunteers, exhibits, and speakers; April 2009
- Develop strategy for Colleges and Universities and establish a Green Ribbon recognition program
- Assist 8 municipalities to complete EMS training
- Complete technical documents for the Alternative Asbestos Control Method (AACM) research activities by April 2009
- Pilot innovative enforcement approach to address catastrophic releases that is timely and visible to the impacted communities
- Assist 1 university in becoming the first in Region 6 to have an EMS
- Reduce toxic chemicals by 110,000 lbs through NPEP partnership

Help Protect the Security of America

Disaster Response and Preparedness

- Conduct 8-10 exercises with partners and internally to improve preparedness
- Achieve HQ emergency response readiness score of 80% or better
- Conduct 125 risk management plan audits
- Complete installation of 2 additional RADNET monitors

- Modify Regional laboratory for Chemical Warfare Agency analytical capability
- Conduct 28 Facility Response Plan reviews and exercises at oil storage facilities

Work Collaboratively With States' Priorities

Addressing State Priorities

- Develop SIP coordination and decision process (TX)
- Assist states with National Emissions Inventory (TX)
- Assist implementation of the Clean Waters Program through the formation of watershed groups (LA)
- Assist with the development of standards for dissolved oxygen and nutrients in ecoregions (LA)
- Assist with TMDL development (AR)
- Take action to address pending air SIPs (AR, TX)
- Develop a region-wide strategy for enforcement compliance (LA)
- Complete removal actions for at least 2 priority facility sites (AR)
- Assist with Tar Creek including voluntary buyout and RD/RA for OU4 (OK)
- Continue cleanup order at Los Alamos National Lab (NM)
- Implement greenhouse gas emissions goals (NM)
- Make continued progress toward water program delegation (NM)
- Assist states with emergency fuel waivers during natural disaster responses (TX)
- Provide Ground Water Rule and Sanitary Survey training to Drinking Water agencies and negotiate implementation plans (ALL)
- Assist states in attaining the 8-hour ozone standard by promoting cost effective innovative methods (ALL)
- Collaborate with states on the carbon sequestration injection wells national rule development (ALL)

Address Tribal Priorities and Objectives

Safeguarding our Trust responsibilities

- Complete 8 open dump cleanups on Indian Country
- Finalize regional Tribal enforcement guidance
- Provide 2 GAP on-line training sessions
- Issue 3 Part 71 air renewal permits for facilities in Indian Country
- Provide air monitoring technical training to Tribes
- Complete 2 LUST cleanups on Indian country
- Hold basic and advanced onsite wastewater treatment system training courses for Tribes and Pueblos in NM, and basic course for Tribes in OK
- Assist San Felipe Pueblo in ensuring safe drinking water

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Address Community Priorities and Objectives

Partner with vulnerable communities to address concerns related to environmental justice priorities:

- Reduce air toxics through enforcement, CARE grants funding, and listening sessions with community, State and industry partners
- Work with our drinking water state primacy agencies to address drinking water quality concerns in EJ communities
- Complete Environmental Justice review of progress in addressing lead contamination

Improve the Environment Along the US/Mexico Border

Provide border residents safe drinking water and adequate sanitation

- Disburse \$40M through the BEIF grants and provide 1,500 new service connections to safe drinking water and 100,000 wastewater connections
- Cleanup in excess of 600,000 additional waste tires

Clean Energy and Climate Change (CECC)

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

- Update the Regional CECC Strategy by July 2009
- Conduct environmental review of the proposed offshore crude oil import terminal under the Deepwater Port Act; propose permit decisions under CAA and CWA
- Enlist 30 additional cities into the WaterSense program and yield savings of at least 4.5M gallons of water
- Co-sponsor a Green Business Forum by partnering with business and/or universities in DFW

Children's Health

Protecting children where they live, learn and play

- Collaborate with partners to accomplish monitoring for toxic air pollution in schools
- Reduce student exposure to asthma triggers by implementing an Air quality Index Notification System in Houston area schools
- Train 100 licensed health care providers in AR and TX through educational courses on children's environmental health issues
- Train 200 parents and day care providers in Dallas County to manage asthma through reduction of environmental asthma triggers
- Implement indoor air quality Tools for Schools in 150 Austin schools impacting over 125,000 students

Managing Resources Wisely

Focus on our People

- Work to make *We Care* values part of our everyday work
- Update the Region's People Plan to address recruitment, training and development, and retention priorities
- Seek collaborative ways to improve the workplace through monthly meetings of the Labor Management Committee
- Provide 45 training courses to employees
- Develop a curriculum for the Leadership Development Program for the GS 12/13s
- Provide coaching sessions for 28 managers
- Hold 3 ELT Listening Forums for all employees
- Build a 'community of leaders'; convene Manager meetings

Ensure integrity of our financial management

- Achieve a reduction in the ULOs to below \$1.8M from the FY09 beginning year balance of \$2.016M
- Hold Shared Service Centers Transition Process and Procedure briefings and training; April 2009
- Timely award and close-out grants

Questions?

Please talk with your supervisor about our goals



Our 2008 Accomplishments Report is available at www.epa.gov/region6