

February 2005 P2 Conference Call
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1. DOE P2 Goals for 2006 and Beyond

Jane stated that a DOE Notice will be developed to announce the new P2 goals for 2006 and beyond because a Notice carries more clout than a memo from the Secretary. The Notice will be drafted to incorporate the goals developed by the Work Group and those suggested by EH management; they are very similar. After the EH Deputy Secretary approves the Notice it will be posted on the Directives webpage for comment. Clarification of what wastes (e.g., routine, non-routine, everything but legacy, or something else) to be covered by the new goals would be included either in the Notice or in the EO 13148 annual report data entry guidance.

Arnie Edelman requested that the Notice include the concepts of accountability and annual review to engage senior management. For the same reason, Karin King requested that the Notice incorporate the LEEDs challenge that EE had been promoting.

2. Transitioning to Green Construction Projects – Lessons Learned

Keith Dempsey and Rick Griffin described their experience and successes in greening new building construction at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. When the decision was made in 2000 to “green” all new buildings, the team opted to follow the LEED approach because it was a recognized standard, it incorporated many of the green elements the team wanted to pursue, and it included a standardized and recognized certification process.

The success of their program is attributable to

- A master plan,
- Senior management and DOE site management support,
- Team understanding and acceptance of green goals and green specifications,
- Combating the pre-conceived notion that green buildings cost more by integrating green thinking right from the start and developing a wide array of options to choose from,
- Willingness to look to innovative engineering process designs and solutions and weigh their relative merits, and
- Careful selection of experienced and qualified people to do the commissioning and certification and any advising.

3. IG Audit

Jane reported that EH commented once again that PSOs should be responsible for ensuring P2 site activities but the draft audit report continues only to include recommendations for EH, NNSA, and EM. The final report is due in several months.

4. EO 13148, EO 13101 Status

Don Lentzen reported that the Department’s waste reduction goals were achieved for all routine wastes with the exception of low-level radioactive waste. The Department purchased \$40 million of environmentally preferable products. Don also announced that the BuyBio program is now in effect; the Department of Agriculture will issue its BuyBio product list in the fall of the year.