

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 back 300 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

- ▶ Provide technical assistance and make completeness determinations for the 8-hour ozone attainment strategies for DFW and Houston by December 2007 ^{2 3}
✓ Completed: December 2007
- ▶ Establish first national framework for Economic Development Zone in Crittenden County AR by May 2007 ^{2 3}
✓ Completed: April 2007
- ▶ Promote and approve Ozone Flex agreements for 3 communities in near non-attainment status
✓ Corpus Christi signed October 2007; OKC and Tulsa agreements drafted for finalization in 2008
- ▶ Implement the Sustainable Skyline nat'l pilot in Dallas by June 2007
✓ Completed: Signed March 2007; joint press conference October 2007

Restore and Protect the Water ¹

Ensure safe drinking water

- ▶ 86% of the population served by community water systems receives drinking water that meets all health based standards
✓ Exceeded: 92%
- ▶ 86% of the population served by Tribal community water systems receives drinking water that meets health based standards
✓ Achieved 81%

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters

- ▶ Finalize the nutrient criteria plan for Arkansas by September 2007
✓ Joint workshop drafted plan for approval in 2008
- ▶ Complete 11 TMDLs in nutrient impaired waters in MS Watershed ³
✓ Exceeded: 25 TMDLs completed
- ▶ Issue 30 NPDES permits with nutrient limits or monitoring requirements ²
✓ Exceeded: 39 NPDES permits issued
- ▶ Complete 113 TMDLs in the 5-state region
✓ Exceeded: 214 TMDLs completed

Restore and Protect the Water ¹ (cont)

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters

- ▶ Reduce by 20% the number of waterbodies not attaining water quality standards
✓ Exceeded: 21% (262 waterbodies restored)
- ▶ Protect and restore 3,000 additional acres of National Estuary Program habitat
✓ Exceeded: 11,841 acres restored

Recycle and Renew Polluted Land

Make land available for reuse

- ▶ Complete remedies at 3 nationally significant Superfund sites and make property available for reuse
✓ Exceeded: 4 national significant SF sites were completed
- ▶ Resolve waste management issues at 6 RCRA facilities to be made safe for human exposure and 2 safe for ground water
✓ Exceeded: 8 RCRA facilities and 5 safe for ground water

Target assessment and clean up activities in urban areas

- ▶ Target 35 Brownfields assessment grants
✓ Exceeded: 53 Brownfields assessments were completed
- ▶ Select remedies for 1 NPL site to make land available
✓ Exceeded: Selected remedies for 2 NPL sites

Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits

- ▶ Conduct 10 inspections and take 5 CAA actions at facilities in or affecting non-attainment areas ²
✓ Exceeded: 18 inspections and 11 CAA actions
- ▶ Jointly conduct 25 CAFO inspections in TX, NM and OK
✓ Exceeded: 32 CAFO inspections in TX, NM and OK
- ▶ Take actions at 15 CAFO facilities in priority watersheds ²
✓ Exceeded: 17 CWA actions reducing 10M lbs of pollutants

Regional Administrator's 300-Day Plan 2007 Accomplishments - Region 6

Over the past 300 days, we focused our energy, talents and resources on accomplishing these shared priorities:

Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective (cont)

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits

- ▶ Complete development of the homebuilders stormwater compliance assistance pilot by September 2007²
✓ **Complete: Developed stormwater regulations training materials; conducted 22 training sessions in TX**
- ▶ Issue 3 CAA 114 letters on NSR compliance
✓ **Completed**
- ▶ Focus 50% of NPDES enforcement actions to support national priorities
✓ **Completed: Over 50% supported national priorities**
- ▶ Achieve 60% tribal UST compliance
✓ **Exceeded: 60.5% compliance**
- ▶ Conduct 6 RCRA inspections in non-attainment areas
✓ **Completed**
- ▶ Conduct 2 MS4 Audits trainings for phase 2 cities in TX and NM²
✓ **Exceeded: 4 MS4 conducted**
- ▶ Compel \$10 million in clean-up from responsible parties
✓ **Exceeded: Recovered \$31.4M and settlements at \$41.5M**
- ▶ Refer 15 civil judicial actions to DOJ
✓ **Exceeded: Issued 22 judicial referrals**
- ▶ Issue 300 enforcement actions
✓ **Exceeded: Over 550 enforcement actions issued**
- ▶ Conduct 10 RCRA corrective action inspections
✓ **Exceeded: 12 RCRA facilities inspected**

Promote Innovative Approaches to Environmental Problem-solving

Blue Skyways Collaborative (BSC)

- ▶ Develop 100 new members²
✓ **Exceeded: Added 123 new members**
- ▶ Initiate 25 diesel emission reduction projects³
✓ **Exceeded: 46 new projects added**
- ▶ Through BSC, have 500 diesel engines retrofitted^{2,3}
✓ **Exceeded: Achieved 3,770 diesel engine retrofits**

Seek positive opportunities for collaboration with regulated parties

- ▶ Enroll 7 new members to Performance Track
✓ **Completed: 7 new P-Track members from TX, OK, NM; hosted 3 EMS forums and 1 Round Table**
- ▶ Enroll 6 National Partnership for Environmental Priorities members and reduce 50,000 lbs of chemicals
✓ **Exceeded: 8 members enrolled; 765,063 lbs chemicals reduced**
- ▶ Increase the use of infrared camera and phosphorus monitor as compliance tools
✓ **Completed**

Help Protect the Security of America^{1,2}

Disaster Response and Preparedness

- ▶ Increase response support corps by 10% and complete regionwide ICS100/200 training for 10% of workforce
✓ **Exceeded: Increased RSC by 71%; training for 30% of the workforce completed**
- ▶ Conduct 8-10 tabletop and field exercises
✓ **Exceeded: 41 tabletop and field exercises conducted**
- ▶ Conduct 3 exercises with Sister City communities along the border
✓ **Completed: 3 binational exercises along the Mexico border**
- ▶ Make operational 3 RADNET monitors
✓ **Exceeded: 5 RADNET monitors**
- ▶ Complete COOP facility by December 2007
✓ **Achieved project plan for state-of-the-art facility. HQ has differences with GSA and is working through them**
- ▶ Develop a regional laboratory response plan for drinking water emergencies by September 2007
✓ **Completed**

Assist Recovery Efforts in Louisiana

Address priorities of hurricane response

- ▶ Conduct 225 landfill and 420 demolition observations²
✓ **Exceeded: 721 landfill visits; observed 4,582 demolitions**
- ▶ Assist New Orleans in rebuilding wastewater treatment and drinking water distribution systems by holding 4 technical assistance meetings, bringing in federal partners¹
✓ **Exceeded: Hosted 5 technical assistance meetings**
- ▶ Meet quarterly with LDEQ to review asbestos demolition activity
✓ **Completed**
- ▶ Partner with LDEQ to investigate 7 refineries to support Refinery Initiative
✓ **Completed**

Develop Collaborative Networks

Address state-specific priorities and objectives

- ▶ Assist states with clean air plans for non-attainment areas
✓ **Completed: DFW and Houston/Galveston and 11 maintenance plans for LA, TX, NM**
- ▶ Prioritize regional review of air data from OK animal feeding operations
✓ **Completed**
- ▶ Assist TX with risk-based investigations and expedited enforcement actions to improve air quality in major metropolitan areas; and NM in increasing gas plant compliance
✓ **Completed**
- ▶ Assist AR, LA, TX in implementing underground storage tank requirement under the Energy Policy Act
✓ **Completed: Provided funding to LA, TX and technical assistance to AR**

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Develop Collaborative Networks (cont)

Address state-specific priorities and objectives

- ▶ Assist states in addressing water quality and non-point source pollution; NM groundwater protection, LA naturally dystrophic waters, northwest AR watershed, TX TMDL streamlining
 - ✓ Provided ongoing assistance/funding, met review and approval timeframes/oversight; provided training/workshops; developed watershed guidelines in lieu of TMDLs; NM sole source aquifer recommendation; MOA with LA; AR nutrient revised submittal in review; bacteria TMDL comments to TX
- ▶ Transfer Molycorp RI/FIS oversight activities to NM by October 2007
 - ✓ Completed MOA, October 2007

Address tribal priorities and objectives

- ▶ Enhance tribal capacity through funding and technical assistance
 - ✓ Completed: \$7,978,062 GAP funding to 52 tribes
- ▶ Assist tribes in addressing illegal/open dumps; 20% of tribes using GAP for solid/hazardous waste projects; close 1 tribal open dump³
 - ✓ Exceeded: 32% tribes; closed/cleaned 15 open dump sites
- ▶ Assist tribes in CAA funding to address air quality
 - ✓ Completed: \$1.7M awarded to tribes and tribal consortia
- ▶ Assist tribes in assessing water quality problems caused by nonpoint source, sewage and mines
 - ✓ Completed: Provided \$80K funding; workshops/technical assistance; TAS to 4 tribes
- ▶ 90% of NPDES permits in Indian Country are current³
 - ✓ Completed

Address community priorities and objectives

- ▶ Partner with 2 universities to develop community projects
 - ✓ Completed: UNT and Haskell Indian Nations University
- ▶ Provide grant application and management training to 2 communities
 - ✓ Completed: North LA Listening Session and Little Rock, November 07
- ▶ Partner with 2 states to build EJ consideration into programs
 - ✓ Completed: LDEQ EJ Listening Session and grant training, and ADEQ EJ Fundamentals training

Promote collaborations in the Gulf of Mexico region³

- ▶ Restore, enhance and protect 2,400 acres of priority coastal habitat³
 - ✓ Exceeded: Enhanced and/or protected 18,600 acres
- ▶ Restore 32 impaired segments in 13 state-defined coastal priority areas³
 - ✓ Exceeded: 109 impaired segments delisted
- ▶ Reduce rate of shellfish illnesses³
 - ✓ Completed: 40% reduction through education ISSC partnership

Develop Collaborative Networks (cont)

Promote collaborations in the Gulf of Mexico region³(cont)

- ▶ Implement 36 actions from Gulf States Governors Alliance Plan³
 - ✓ Exceeded: Joint Ocean Commission titled the accomplishment of 67 actions a "national model"
- ▶ Expand early warning Harmful Algal Bloom Observing System to include TX & Mexico³
 - ✓ Completed in TX and Mexico on track for early 2008

Improve the Environment Along the US/Mexico Border

Provide border residents with safe drinking water and adequate sanitation¹

- ▶ Provide drinking water to 1,200 more homes²³
 - ✓ Exceeded: Providing drinking water to 1,276 homes
- ▶ Provide sanitation to an additional 12,000 homes²³
 - ✓ Completed: 12,000 received access to sanitary sewer service
- ▶ Increase utilization of BEIF funds by \$56 million
 - ✓ Exceeded: \$65M increase

Provide for waste management along border communities

- ▶ Reduce waste tires by 800,000 (Eagle Pass & Ciudad Juarez)³⁵
 - ✓ Exceeded: Reduced 870,518 waste tires

Provide border residents with clean air

- ▶ Replace 35 buses with clean air technology in El Paso²
 - ✓ Completed: 35 buses upgraded
- ▶ Host two Smartway conferences in border cities²
 - ✓ Completed: El Paso, Tijuana conference held
- ▶ Recruit 10 new Smartway partners and retrofit 50 diesel trucks²
 - ✓ Exceeded: 106 diesel trucks retrofitted with kits

Energy Production and Efficiency¹

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

- ▶ Review 6 power plant permits to seek all opportunities/collaborative solutions to achieve maximum reductions and best control technology
 - ✓ Exceeded: Reviewed/commented 20 permits (46% of national reviews)
- ▶ Reissue NPDES general permit for oil and natural gas exploration on the outer continental shelf²
 - ✓ Completed: May 2007
- ▶ Promote energy conservation in rural communities and conduct 3 USDA cosponsored workshops
 - ✓ Completed

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Energy Production and Efficiency ¹ (cont)

Oil and gas initiative

- ▶ Conduct 150 SPCC and FRP facility inspections and provide compliance assistance
✓ Exceeded: 243 SPCC/FRP inspections/compliance assistance
- ▶ Provide compliance assistance at 15 oil and gas facilities focussing on unaccounted emission sources
✓ Exceeded: Assistance to 29 facilities at on-site visits

Expedite review and permitting to meet the nation's energy needs

- ▶ Complete 1 offshore import terminal permit review
✓ Completed review. Permit to be proposed in 2008

Managing Resources Wisely

Integrate the Agency's strategic management of human capital program with our regional PeoplePlan ¹

- ▶ Commission regional workgroup to review PeoplePlan and recommend revisions
✓ Completed
- ▶ Provide 14 career development and 19 advanced IT courses to Region 6 employees
✓ Completed
- ▶ Executive Coaching sessions will be provided to at least 30 managers
✓ Exceeded: Provided coaching to 47 managers
- ▶ Implement the Leadership Development Program
✓ Completed: 24 managers enrolled

Small and Disadvantage Businesses

- ▶ Award 36% of contract dollars ³
✓ Completed

Ensure integrity of our grants management focused on environmental results per President's Management Agenda

- ▶ Close out 99% of grants ending in 2005 and earlier ³
✓ Exceeded: 99.9% of goal
- ▶ Close out 90% of grants ending in 2006 ³
✓ Exceeded: 97.9% of goal

Questions? Please talk with your supervisor about our goals.



Our 2007 Accomplishments Report is available on our Internet site at www.epa.gov/region6