



Message from the Administrator *September 2006*

I am pleased to present the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2006-2011 *Strategic Plan*, which charts an ambitious course for the Agency's work over the next five years.

This *Strategic Plan* maintains the five goals that were first described in the 2003-2008 *Plan* and discusses important new challenges and opportunities that are likely to arise in the coming years. The 2006-2011 *Plan* better expresses the results of our work and more clearly identifies the environmental and human health outcomes the public can expect. The *Plan* also expands upon some of our more significant geographic initiatives and reflects increased collaboration with our state, tribal, local, and federal partners.

In December 2005, EPA celebrated 35 years of working to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, EPA—in collaboration with our partners and stakeholders—has been delivering a cleaner, healthier environment for the public. From regulating auto emissions to banning the use of DDT; from cleaning up toxic waste to protecting the ozone layer; and from increasing recycling to revitalizing inner-city brownfields, EPA's achievements have resulted in cleaner air, purer water, and better protected land.

The President has charged EPA with accelerating the pace of environmental protection while maintaining our nation's economic competitiveness. This *Plan* lays the foundation to meet our long-term goals and demonstrate progress along the way, consistent with our principles of results and accountability, innovation and collaboration, and the use of the best available science. We are grateful to our partners and stakeholders for their continuing help in achieving these goals, and pledge to continue our efforts to ensure a safe and healthy environment for future generations.

Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator

