



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my privilege to present to you the Guidance for Federal Land Management in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. This document, published in compliance with Executive Order 13508, signed on May 12, 2009, provides federal land managers with direction to lead by example in implementing the best proven tools and practices to restore and protect the region's waterways and the bay.

Others in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including states, local governments, conservation districts, and watershed organizations, also can benefit from this guidance. The techniques represent state-of-the-art approaches to reduce water pollution from nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment as indicated by current scientific and technical literature.

Extensive studies of the Chesapeake Bay indicate that its restoration hinges on effectively controlling the great majority of nonpoint sources in the bay's watershed. Accordingly, chapters in this document address the categories of nonpoint-source pollution from federal land-management activity in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In compliance with your Executive Order, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency consulted with our partner agencies, provided for a peer technical review, and welcomed comments from the public. This final document reflects the substantive recommendations we received.

Thank you very much for your exceptional leadership and your commitment to protecting and improving one of our nation's greatest treasures.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson

Enclosure