Environmental Protection Agency Summary of Performance by Strategic Objective

Selection from EPA's FY 2015 Annual Performance Plan

Working Toward a Sustainable Future—Advance sustainable environmental outcomes and optimize economic and social outcomes through Agency decisions and actions, which include expanding the conversation on environmentalism and engaging a broad range of stakeholders.

Performance under the Sustainability strategy is progressing as planned toward the long-term vision established in EPA's Strategic Plan. The Agency is focusing on four cross-program priority areas: Green Products, Green Infrastructure, Sustainable Materials Management, and Energy Efficiency. EPA issued guidance to contracting officers updating and clarifying information on purchasing environmentally preferable electronic equipment, helping the Agency continue to meet the federal acquisition 95 percent Green Products purchasing government-wide requirement. Working with seven federal agencies and the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ), EPA developed the Green Infrastructure Collaborative to advance federal commitments to green infrastructure. In sustainable materials management, EPA took actions to reduce food waste that resulted in 375,000 tons of food diverted from landfills. Similar efforts under the Electronics Challenge increased electronic waste collection by 7.5 percent among participants. EPA has produced a set of 30 sustainability videos to engage and empower EPA staff. The videos demonstrate incorporation of sustainability into EPA's daily work using concrete examples. EPA also launched a platform for discussion and sharing of information and resources through an Agency-wide Sustainability Community of Practice site. To expand the conversation on environmentalism, EPA collaborated with CEQ, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Energy, and the General Services Administration to finalize Executive Order 13693 to cut federal greenhouse gas emissions. To make progress in this area and lead by example, EPA coordinated the Federal Green Challenge to challenge all federal agencies across the nation to reduce waste, water, and electricity usage.