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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA Senior Leadership

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Executive Order 13423 - *Strengthening Federal
Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*

On January 24th, 2007, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order (EO), "*Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.*" The Order requires Federal agencies to lead by example in advancing the nation's energy security and environmental performance.

The Order, builds on the Federal government's significant accomplishments in environmental stewardship and energy efficiency and directs Federal agencies to implement sustainable practices for:

- Energy efficiency
- Greenhouse gas emissions and petroleum use reductions
- Renewable energy
- Acquisition of recycled content, energy efficient, biobased, and environmentally preferable products and services
- Pollution prevention and recycling
- Reduction or elimination of toxics and hazardous chemicals
- High performance buildings
- Vehicle fleet management
- Electronics stewardship
- Water conservation

The E.O. also replaces several previous executive orders and establishes more aggressive goals for each sustainable practice. These goals will result in better management of the Federal government's environmental and energy footprint through reduced waste and increased energy efficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and expanded procurement of environmentally sound products and services, such as the growing area of biobased products.

We are working with the Department of Commerce's environmental and energy managers to develop an integrated action plan to respond to the Order, in conjunction with the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58). The Safety and Environmental Compliance Office (SECO) will be the focal point for coordinating NOAA's compliance with the new Order, and will coordinate their efforts through the existing NOAA Facilities Committee and Safety (and Environmental Compliance) Council.



We have identified five strategies to advance the objectives of the Order:

- Communication and Awareness
- Aligning Policies and Practices
- Promoting Employee Stewardship
- Promoting Corporate Stewardship
- Baselineing and Monitoring Performance

We will be providing you periodic updates on plans and progress in these areas. If your staff wants to learn more about the new Executive Order, and NOAA's energy stewardship efforts, they may go to the following website http://www.seco.noaa.gov/Energy/Energy_Regulations.html ; or may contact Mr. Will Freeman, Safety and Environmental Compliance Office (SECO), on 301-713-2780 x111.