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### **Executive Summary**

This is the Department of Energy's (DOE or Department) action plan to carry out Executive Order 13834, *Efficient Federal Operations* (E.O. 13834). It is designed to be a plan that can, and will over time, propel DOE to become the leader in the government for efficiency. DOE will become a leader not only in energy and water efficiency, but in all the elements of the Executive Order, allowing DOE to sustain its mission for decades to come.

The following steps are key to the action plan:

- 1. We will understand our performance.
- 2. We will identify projects that can save the Department money and pursue them with vigor.
- 3. We will actively engage with our stakeholders and private sector partners to ensure quality contracting and project execution.
- 4. We will identify and eliminate barriers to new opportunities.
- 5. We will cheer our successes.

E.O. 13834 directs Federal agencies to manage their buildings, vehicles, and overall operations to optimize energy and environmental performance, reduce waste, and cut costs. DOE will continue to reduce facility energy and water usage and intensity by encouraging installation of advanced building level meters, implementing cost-effective efficiency measures, and exploring alternative financing options for infrastructure upgrades. DOE will continue to modernize and recapitalize our infrastructure, streamline our footprint, and right-size our infrastructure to match mission through sustained investments. DOE will continue to explore on-site energy generation opportunities that maximize our use of reliable, resilient, clean energy, including renewable energy, small modular nuclear technology, microgrids, and combined heat and power where they can ensure continuation of our operations and resilience to disruption from any source, including accidents, natural disasters, and physical- or cyber-attacks.

DOE mission activities will continue to grow; to counter the costs and potential environmental impacts of this growth, DOE will follow the key steps of our action plan as we identify, evaluate, and implement opportunities to reduce and optimize our sites through facility, waste, and fleet management. Facility management will focus on the adoption of technologies that reduce energy and water consumption, procurement of ENERGY STAR certified and Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) registered products, and the continued evaluation of assets as required under 42 USC §8253. Procurement opportunities will be assessed, as applicable, for sustainability, whether they include clauses for biobased products, products with recycled content, or other environmentally-friendly attributes as required by statute. DOE will focus on preventing or reducing pollution at its source wherever feasible. Pollutants and waste that cannot be prevented through source reduction will be diverted from entering the waste stream through environmentally-safe and cost-effective reuse or recycling initiatives. Fleet management will focus on fleet optimization, vehicle right-sizing, and the use of alternative fuels. DOE will continue to reduce petroleum consumption and increase alternative fuel use as required under 42 USC §6374e. By continuing to improve efficiency in the management of DOE's sites, the Department is optimizing environmental performance while reducing costs.

### **Implementation Summary**

### 1. Facility Management:

### **FACILITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

E.O. 13834 Section 2(a) requires agencies to "(a)chieve and maintain annual reductions in building energy use and implement energy efficiency measures that reduce costs."

FY 2017 Status: 37% reduction in energy consumption per gross square foot from FY 2003 baseline Statute(s): 30% reduction in energy consumption per gross square foot in goal-subject buildings by FY 2015 from a FY 2003 baseline (42 USC §8253). §8253(b)(1) "each agency shall, to the maximum extent practicable, install in Federal buildings owned by the United States all energy and water conservation measures with payback periods of less than 10 years."

**Projected Progress FY 2018:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 Annual Energy Report (AER) **Projected Progress FY 2019:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER

# Implementation Status DOE leverages infrastructure investments to improve the sustainability and efficiency of its operations. DOE uses strategies such as redesigning interior space, upgrading aging equipment, and installing energy meters and sub-meters according to the DOE metering plan to monitor, benchmark, and help identify opportunities to reduce facility energy consumption. Meters allow sites to identify where energy is most consumed

DOE sites continue to conduct energy audits to comply with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), §432. The audits are used to identify efficiency and conservation measures along with assessing performance of implemented measures.

and target their efforts.

Sites also incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability evaluations into all on-site facility projects using appropriate checklists.

### Operational Context

DOE excludes approximately 15% of its total square footage from the facility energy efficiency goal in accordance with the Guidelines Establishing Criteria for Excluding Buildings from the Energy Performance Requirements of §543 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, as Amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. These excluded facilities make up 35% of total energy use.

Most excluded facilities are high energy mission-specific facilities (HEMSF) engaged in scientific research and industrial processes that are critical to meeting mission and extremely energy-intensive compared to typical government building assets. Additional HEMSFs are anticipated in the near future due to mission increases, such as Exascale computing.

### Priority Strategies & Planned Actions

The Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) will continue to measure and benchmark performance, assist programs in identifying high-value, high impact, cost-effective energy efficiency projects at sites by analyzing site data and working with the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) and site personnel to identify projects that can help offset mission-driven increases in energy demand and increase the resilience of our energy infrastructure.

DOE will focus efforts on promoting and sharing best practices from energy efficiency project successes to assist DOE sites in improving facility energy management and performance. Sites will continue to install building level meters on facilities with high energy use. Building performance data will be entered into EPA's Portfolio Manager (PM) as required and used by SPO and other offices to identify areas of opportunity.

In the next 1–2 years, DOE will focus on recommissioning or retro-commissioning programs for top energy intensive buildings. Sites will also continue to adopt and implement recommendations from the Better Building's Smart Labs Initiative. As cost-effective, sites will utilize energy management. DOE will encourage sites to pursue DOE's ISO 50001 Ready Program. DOE will continue to explore opportunities for on-site energy generation using advanced resilient technologies. For example, a study is underway to determine the feasibility and applicability of siting a small modular reactor at a DOE laboratory.

### EFFICIENCY MEASURES, INVESTMENT, AND PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING

E.O. 13834 Section 2(d) requires agencies to "(u)tilize performance contracting to achieve energy, water, building modernization, and infrastructure goals."

Number of projects FY 2017: None

Statute(s): Statute provides authority to enter into contracts (42 USC §8287).

Number of projects FY 2018: TBD Number of projects FY 2019: TBD

# Implementation Status DOE emphasizes life-cycle cost analysis when selecting projects for funding. Return on investment and net present value are calculated per OMB Circular A-94 "Guidelines and Discount Rates for Benefit-Cost Analysis of Federal Programs." Other financial calculations may be performed (using 10 CFR Part 436) to determine payback

In FY 2018, at least four major sites have started exploring opportunities for performance-based contracts.

period, internal rate of return,

and project cost effectiveness,

with regard to environmental

and social benefits.

### Operational Context

**Energy Performance Contracts** are complex and resource intensive with lengthy contractual performance periods given DOE's low-cost electricity contracts. Furthermore, conducting business at DOE sites exacerbates contracting complexities compared with some other agencies, due to additional safety and security procedures. The Department has a well-defined process to evaluate its Energy Performance Contracts for cost effectiveness and potential risks prior to implementation.

### Priority Strategies & Planned Actions

DOE will continue to leverage all available funding opportunities to implement efficiency measures, including performance contracts, to improve facility efficiency. To facilitate high quality projects under energy performance contracts, DOE will ensure that all key stakeholders in the performance contracting process, especially agency legal and procurement staff, are appropriately trained to effectively understand and develop performance contracts.

DOE will explore energy efficiency investment opportunities in its facilities, specifically those that will achieve deeper energy savings. DOE will also explore the use of performance contracts for on-site energy generation projects to increase DOE's energy security and resilience utilizing advanced technologies including small modular reactors or combined heat and power plants. DOE facility and utility managers will continue targeting performance contracting to modernize aging facility and utility infrastructure. In addition, DOE will use commercial off-the-shelf data analytical tools to determine the life-cycle cost-effectiveness of efficiency conservation measures reported in DOE's Sustainability Dashboard.

DOE's SPO will assess the top 25% of energy-intensive sites for potential investment opportunities in efficiency measures over the next two years. Annually, DOE sites will continue to assess 25% of covered buildings (75% of total site energy use) for energy and water efficiency measures as required by EISA §432. DOE will use this data as a platform for engaging programs and sites on potential cost saving opportunities.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

E.O. 13834 Section 2(b) requires agencies to "(m)eet statutory requirements relating to the consumption of renewable energy and electricity."

FY 2017 Status: 6.3% (WITHOUT Bonus) or 12.6% (WITH Bonus) On-site, 12.1% renewable energy certificates (RECs) [24.7% total]

**Statute(s):** By FY 2013 and each year thereafter, use 7.5% renewable electricity as a percentage of overall facility electricity use (42 USC §15852).

Projected Progress FY 2018: 7.5% Projected Progress FY 2019: 7.5%

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Implementation Status	Operational Context	Priority Strategies & Planned Actions
To meet renewable energy goals, DOE has installed on-site renewable energy at DOE facilities as well as off-site from federal facilities, installed combined heat and power processes, biomass plants, and purchased RECs.  DOE has also utilized its Renewable Energy Planning and Optimization (REopt) tool to prioritize and identify renewable energy potential and projects that can be implemented by FY 2020.	The economic feasibility of renewable energy systems continues to challenge DOE sites, as low-cost electricity at some DOE sites extends payback periods.	To increase our use of renewable energy, DOE will utilize advanced analytical tools, such as REopt, to determine feasibility for renewables at the various site locations.  DOE will continue to explore alternative financing options such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) to construct and operate renewable generation systems. DOE will also examine a variety of alternative energy sources and energy storage capabilities for implementation to increase the resilience of our energy infrastructure, wherever feasible.  Where appropriate, long-term off-site renewable sources and RECs will be considered for purchase if necessary to meet statutory requirements. DOE will work to encourage inter- and intra-agency collaboration to share best practices and lessons learned from investing in on-site renewable energy sources.  Sites with mission-critical energy-security concerns will begin evaluating microgrid applications, such as local generation and energy storage, over the next few years. SPO continues to work with DOE sites to evaluate the feasibility of installing renewable energy systems.

### WATER EFFICIENCY

E.O. 13834 Section 2(c) states that agencies are required to "(r)educe potable and non-potable water consumption and comply with stormwater management requirements."

FY 2017 Status: 26% reduction in potable water consumption per gross square foot from FY 2007 baseline Statute(s): Statute encourages water conservation (42 USC §6834 and 42 USC §8253) and establishes stormwater runoff requirements (42 USC §17094).

**Projected Progress FY 2018:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER **Projected Progress FY 2019:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER

### Implementation Status

DOE developed a Strategic Water Management Plan in FY 2016 that analyzed sites' potential for achieving water consumption reductions. The plan concluded the most costefficient water conservation measures are reducing water use through operational changes and best management practices; sites are continuing to adopt these practices. Other identified measures in the plan included retrofitting and replacing equipment and processes and leveraging alternative financing options to implement capital projects.

DOE sites continue to conduct water audits to comply with EISA §432. The audits are used to identify water conservation measures, and assess the performance of implemented measures.

Several DOE sites are employing proactive water management strategies by converting once-through cooling systems to closed-loop systems through reuse of process water, gray water, and stormwater runoff. In addition to complying with stormwater management regulations, some DOE sites harvest rainwater to enhance onsite water conservation and stormwater management efforts.

### **Operational Context**

The reliance on water-intensive. mission-critical activities presents a unique challenge for DOE. Many DOE sites use water for evaporative cooling towers, and process heat removal for offices, as well as industrial applications such as cooling accelerators, supercomputers, and data centers. In addition, some sites have a low payback or no payback associated with water reductions due to no-cost water use agreements with local municipalities or use of on-site wells. In addition, wildfires at large sites in the western U.S. can result in significant unplanned water use for firefighting.

### Priority Strategies & Planned Actions

DOE will continue to implement the Strategic Water Management Plan to increase water efficiency. More sites are focusing their water use efficiency efforts on repairing leaks and replacing water and steam-intensive equipment. Building on the successes of sites, DOE will continue to deploy closed-loop, capture, recharge, and/or reclamation systems, as applicable.

Reducing process water consumption and addressing chilled water utilization efficiencies through a water management plan continue to be core strategies undertaken by DOE. These best practices and lessons learned will be shared throughout the DOE complex.

In the next 1–2 years, DOE will focus on identifying the potential for water reduction projects. As feasible, sites will conduct periodic water balances to determine water sources, uses, and losses. Any inflow and infiltration issues, steam leakages, or underground non-potable and potable water leakages will be identified and addressed. High efficiency technologies will be installed during the rehabilitation of existing buildings and in the design of new buildings for more efficient water management.

The use of electricity generators for electric and non-electric application such as desalination or other water treatment applications will help ensure that water is managed effectively in support of DOE mission and in communities surrounding its facilities, especially in water constrained regions of the United States.

### HIGH PERFORMANCE SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

E.O. 13834 Section 2(e) requires agencies to "(e)nsure that new construction and major renovations conform to applicable building energy efficiency requirements and sustainable design principles; consider building efficiency when renewing or entering into leases; implement space utilization and optimization practices; and annually assess and report on building conformance to sustainability metrics."

FY 2017 Status: 9% by Gross Square Foot or 8% by building count

Statute(s): High-performance green federal buildings are based on 42 USC §6834, 42 USC §8253, 42 USC §8254,

and 42 USC §17091 to §17094.

Projected Progress FY 2018: TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER Projected Progress FY 2019: TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER

Implementation Status	Operational Context	Priority Strategies & Planned Actions
In FY 2017, DOE achieved a 1	DOE facilities include unique	DOE will continue to actively promote energy
percentage point increase in the	scientific laboratories,	management, cost-effective energy
number of owned buildings	accelerators, light sources,	conservation measures, and building-level and
meeting the Guiding Principles	supercomputers and data centers,	data center metering. In the next 1–2 years,
(GPs) as well as a 1 percentage	industrial facilities, and	DOE will use an integrated process with annual
point increase of owned gross	traditional office space	EISA audit findings and the GPs to assess and
square feet (GSF) meeting GPs.	environments. As a result, DOE	evaluate building and operating conditions to
	is challenged with integrating	understand our performance. We will then
	sustainability into mission-	identify areas for improvement; establish
	critical, energy intensive, and	operational goals for environmental
	aging infrastructure, particularly	performance; and incorporate goals into
	for existing buildings.	building management. Identified life-cycle
		cost-effective projects will be implemented as
	DOE has experienced difficulties	feasible.
	in meeting energy and water	
	targets for existing buildings	DOE will compare building performance with
	according to the 2016 Guiding	energy performance benchmarks annually and
	Principles for Sustainable	regularly monitor building energy performance
	Federal Buildings. To help	against historic performance data and peer
	address this, DOE plans to	buildings.
	combine efforts with EISA	
	audits and facility condition	DOE will continue to install building level
	assessments to identify potential	meters, and sites will conduct analyses of water
	projects at target buildings.	use, identify and, as appropriate, repair leaks,
		eliminate single pass cooling, optimize cooling
	DOE has a unique challenge in	tower operations, and use water efficient
	meeting the goal for new	products. DOE will work with its programs to
	buildings in that the Department	ensure LEED Gold and the GPs requirements
	requires that all new	are well-understood and implemented into all
	construction and major building	new construction and major renovation
	renovations greater than \$50	projects.
	million must be LEED Gold	
	certified, absent a waiver from	
	the Project Management	
	Executive (See <u>DOE Order</u> 413.3B).	
	413.3D).	

### WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DIVERSION

E.O. 13834 Section 2(f) requires agencies to "(i)mplement waste prevention and recycling measures and comply with all Federal requirements with regard to solid, hazardous, and toxic waste management and disposal."

FY 2017 Status: 57% municipal solid waste (MSW) diverted; 56% construction and demolition (C&D) waste diverted Statute(s): The statute outlines that, "wherever feasible, the generation of hazardous waste is to be reduced or eliminated as expeditiously as possible," and "waste that is nevertheless generated should be treated, stored, or disposed of so as to minimize the present and future threat to human health and the environment" (42 USC §6902). See also 42 USC § 6901 to §6992; 42 USC §11001 to §11050; 42 USC §13101.

**Projected Progress FY 2018:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER **Projected Progress FY 2019:** TBD, no later than FY 2018 AER

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Implementation Status	Operational Context	Priority Strategies & Planned Actions
DOE sites continue to	DOE sites use chemical	DOE will continue to use source reduction as
independently report on the management of toxic chemicals	management systems to provide supply-chain efficiency,	the primary waste management strategy. DOE will also track the acquisition and use of
in accordance with the	establish tighter control of	hazardous chemicals and materials at the site-
requirements of Emergency	chemical purchases, and identify	level, as well as promote the use of alternative
Planning and Community Right-	alternatives. These systems	and less toxic chemicals and materials
to-Know Act (EPCRA) §301-	assist with chemical inventory	whenever possible.
§313. Waste minimization	reduction by tracking expired	
programs are established at	and excess chemicals.	DOE will share lessons learned and best
many DOE sites to reduce the generation and toxicity of waste.		practices from successful and innovative MSW and C&D recycling programs and net zero
Reporting is tracked through		waste programs with sites and laboratories.
EPA's Toxic Release Inventory		waste programs with sites and incorness
(TRI) web-based reporting		In the next 1–2 years, DOE will continue to
program (TRI-MEweb).		implement integrated pest management and
		improved landscape management practices to
In addition, DOE diverts a		reduce and eliminate the use of toxic and
portion of its non-hazardous MSW and non-hazardous C&D		hazardous chemicals and materials. DOE will look for opportunities to further reduce fugitive
debris through the		emissions, and consider the potential
implementation of various		application of alternative products where
recycling, recovery, and reuse		feasible. Sites will reduce waste generation
methods and strategies.		through elimination, source reduction, and
		recycling, as well as maintain or increase their
		waste diversion rates.

### 2. Fleet Management:

### TRANSPORTATION/FLEET MANAGEMENT

E.O. 13834 Section 3(c) states that within 120 days of the date of the E.O. (i.e. September 14, 2018), "(t)he Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the heads of other agencies as appropriate, shall *review existing Federal vehicle fleet requirements* and report to the Chairman of CEQ and the Director of OMB regarding opportunities to optimize Federal fleet performance, reduce associated costs, and streamline reporting and compliance requirements." (*Emphasis added*).

FY 2017 Status: 35.5% reduction in petroleum consumption and 177% increase in alternative fuel consumption relative to FY 2005 baseline

Statute(s): "By October 1, 2015, and each year thereafter, achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in annual petroleum consumption and a 10 percent increase in annual alternative fuel consumption, as calculated from the FY 2005 baseline" (42 USC §6374e(a)(2)). See also 42 USC §13212.

**Projected Progress FY 2018:** Interim Targets: 20% reduction in petroleum consumption; 10% increase in alternative fuel consumption

**Projected Progress FY 2019:** Interim Targets: 20% reduction in petroleum consumption; 10% increase in alternative fuel consumption

### Implementation Status **Operational Context** Priority Strategies & Planned Actions DOE optimizes fleet While DOE is able to reduce DOE will continue to implement the VAM in performance by right-sizing and fleet size at certain sites and 2018 and 2019. In 2020, the VAM will be right-typing its fleet as detailed updated by DOE Headquarters. Sites continue national laboratories, increased in the current Vehicle Allocation and accelerated defense-related to annually assess their fleet inventory for Methodology (VAM). DOE has missions will likely continue to replacement opportunities and right-sizing. reduced associated fleet require overall fleet growth. Agency-owned light duty to medium duty vehicles older than six years will be replaced if management costs by Fleet composition with respect to vehicle types and inventory modernizing the Department's and when authorized in the Annual must be continually evaluated fleet. Appropriations Act. Where mission-compatible and adjusted as supported and cost-effective, DOE will move from DOE has also streamlined missions evolve. Annual agency-owned vehicles to the GSA Fleet reporting and compliance utilization reviews of prior FY during 2018, 2019, and 2020. requirements by leveraging the data must be conducted on an Asset Level Data (ALD) annual basis as required in 41 DOE will use the most recent ALD when capabilities in the General CFR 109-38.5105 and 38.5106. making fleet operations, management, Services Administration (GSA) acquisition, and disposal decisions. The agency Federal Fleet Management EPAct 2005 Section 701 will continue efforts to improve the accuracy of System (FedFMS) to facilitate requires that agencies use ALD data in GSA Drive-thru and FedFMS in external reporting and provide alternative fuel in all dual fueled 2018. DOE will enable FedFMS to autodata to support fleet alternative fueled vehicles capture fuel, mileage, maintenance, and repair costs from SmartPay3® fleet credit card management decisions. (AFVs) except in vehicles for which the agency received a transaction reports starting in 2019. waiver. DOE struggles to achieve this goal due to the Electric vehicle acquisition and charging remote locations of its various station installations are expected to increase in sites and lack of availability of the next two years. alternative fuel options.

### 3. Cross-Cutting Categories:

### SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION/PROCUREMENT

E.O. 13834 Section 2(g) requires agencies to "(a)cquire, use, and dispose of products and services, including electronics, in accordance with statutory mandates for purchasing preference, Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements, and other applicable Federal procurement policies."

FY 2017 Status: 16.3% contracts with environmental clauses; 55.12% contract dollars with environmental clauses Statute(s): Federal procurement of biobased products (7 USC §8102), products with recycled content (42 USC 6962), energy efficient products and products with low standby power (42 USC 8259b, 42 USC 6361), non-ozone depleting (42 USC 76711.).

Projected Progress FY 2018: TBD Projected Progress FY 2019: TBD

# Implementation Status DOE purchases products that are water efficient (WaterSense), biobased (USDA BioPreferred), non-ozone depleting (Significant New Alternative Policy), nontoxic (Safer Choice labeled), fuel efficient (SmartWay products), and made from recycled content in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation and the DOE Acquisition Regulation. To support sustainable

To support sustainable acquisition activities, DOE hosts bi-monthly Sustainable Acquisition Working Group (SAWG) meetings to provide participants with the most current sustainable acquisition information and encourage peer-to-peer knowledge exchange. DOE also offers a web-based accredited two-hour training module on Federal sustainable acquisition.

DOE's GreenBuy Award Program annually recognizes sites which purchase products from the Priority Products List, which is a compilation of product types with the least environmental, social, and economic impact. In FY 2017, eight DOE sites won GreenBuy awards for implementing exceptional sustainable acquisition programs.

### **Operational Context**

DOE sites leverage Federal purchasing dollars to achieve mission goals, while also reducing the environmental impact of their operations and improving the marketplace for safer and more sustainable products.

### Priority Strategies & Planned Actions

To continue progress in sustainable acquisition, DOE will share information, tools, resources, and best practices to assist sites and programs in their efforts to purchase more sustainably. DOE will continue to incentivize sustainable acquisition efforts through the GreenBuy Awards Program and offer trainings and assistance through the SAWG bi-monthly meetings. DOE will engage with stakeholders to identify new sustainable acquisition opportunities.

Over the next 1–2 years, DOE will improve the quality of data and tracking of sustainable acquisition through the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). DOE will look for opportunities to incorporate criteria or contractor requirements into procurements and reduce supply chain emissions.

DOE will identify ways to engage directly with suppliers to provide products that meet sustainability requirements and allow sites to pilot their use in site operations. The results of these pilots will be shared with other sites. DOE is also planning to increase the use of online marketplaces to streamline the identification and procurement of more sustainable products.

### **ELECTRONICS STEWARDSHIP**

E.O. 13834 Section 2(g) requires agencies to "(a)cquire, use, and dispose of products and services, including electronics, in accordance with statutory mandates for purchasing preference, Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements, and other applicable Federal procurement policies."

**FY 2017 Status**: 90% of eligible electronics procurements meeting EPEAT requirements; 84% of eligible equipment with power management; 79% of eligible printers utilizing duplex printing features; 87% compliance with disposal guideline;

Statute(s): Procure (A) an Energy Star product or (B) a FEMP designated product (40 USC §8259b) and dispose of excess property as promptly as possible (40 USC §524). See also 40 USC §549; 40 USC §527; 15 USC 3710(i).

Projected Progress FY 2018: TBD Projected Progress FY 2019: TBD

### Implementation Status

DOE purchases and leases environmentally sustainable electronic products in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation, and the U.S. EPA's Recommendations of Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Green Purchasing.

Thirteen DOE sites were recognized with 2018 EPEAT Purchaser Awards from the Green Electronics Council. DOE published an Information Brief for sites in August 2017, highlighting the availability of EPEAT-registered mobile phones and providing instructions on finding and purchasing these products.

DOE enables and maintains power management on eligible ENERGY STAR certified desktop computers, monitors, and laptop computers. Eliminating power management exemptions for computers saved DOE approximately 2 million kilowatt hours of electricity and \$251,000 in electricity costs in FY 2017. Overall, power management across the Energy Department saved \$7.3 million in FY 2017.

### **Operational Context**

Sites were unable to meet goals for purchase of EPEAT-registered televisions due to limited availability of products (only two manufacturers register their television products). Additionally, power management performance was significantly impacted by the disabling of power management at a large DOE site in FY 2017, which was done in response to cybersecurity concerns.

Disposal of electronics, in lieu of reuse or recycling, is only used when electronics cannot be radiologically cleared for release. These recyclingineligible electronics make up less than 1% of end-of-life electronics each year.

### Priority Strategies & Planned Actions

To assist sites in finding and purchasing EPEAT-registered products in all applicable categories, DOE will continue to provide regular training and guidance on sustainable acquisition for electronics; facilitate site collaboration through the Sustainable Acquisition Working Group; and provide technical assistance through a sustainable acquisition hotline.

In the next 1–2 years, DOE will continue to address issues with purchasing EPEAT-registered televisions. DOE has been working with EPEAT and television manufacturers to encourage the registration of additional products.

DOE will purchase EPEAT-registered devices from the new registries for mobile phones and servers. DOE will publish an Information Brief on the new server registry after it opens later in 2018.

DOE will publish an additional Information Brief highlighting acceptable power management exemptions and the cost savings associated with eliminating unnecessary or inappropriate exemptions. DOE will work to eliminate unnecessary power management exemptions at sites in FY 2018.

### **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

E.O. 13834 Section 2(h) requires agencies to "(t)rack and, as required by section 7(b) of this order, report on energy management activities, performance improvements, cost reductions, *greenhouse gas emissions*, energy and water savings, and other appropriate performance measures." (*Emphasis added*).

FY 2017 Status: 43.3% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions from the FY 2008 baseline.

Implementation Status	Operational Context	Priority Strategies & Planned Actions
DOE has achieved significant reductions in Scope 1 & 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the FY 2008 baseline. Emissions have been reduced through fuel efficiency advances, travel and fleet fuel consumption reductions, waste prevention, and fugitive emissions management.  DOE will continue to perform site-level fugitive emissions management assessments while considering the use of potential alternatives to certain high global warming potential gases.	At many DOE sites, mission-related activities are expected to increase, expanding demand for energy and electricity. As a result, DOE will be challenged to sustain reductions.	To counter the cost and potential environmental impacts of mission growth, DOE will target additional lifecycle costeffective emissions reductions and expanding commuting options. DOE will continue to look for opportunities to further reduce fugitive emissions, and to consider the potential application of alternative products where feasible. DOE will expand on-site clean energy generation at its sites in order to decrease transmission and distribution loss emissions and purchase off-site clean energy as feasible.  In the next 1–2 years, DOE will continue to perform site-level energy assessments and implement cost-effective energy conservation measures to maximize efficiency. DOE will continue to share best practices during the Fugitive Emissions Working Group to improve fugitive emissions management.