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“If we believe the government can make a difference in people’s lives, we have the obligation to prove that it works – by making government smarter, and leaner and more effective...”

– President Barack Obama, April 13, 2011

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CEQ News

2011 GreenGov Symposium—Save the Date!

On June 29, CEQ announced that its second annual GreenGov Symposium, which aims to bring together leaders from government, the private sector, non-profits and academia to identify opportunities to create jobs, grow clean energy industries, and curb pollution by greening the Federal Government, will be held in Washington, DC, on October 31 through November 2, 2011. This year's event will be co-sponsored by CEQ and the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO).

At the 2011 GreenGov Symposium, participants will share sustainability challenges and best practices, and discuss cutting-edge approaches to achieving the Federal performance goals set by President Obama’s Executive Order (E.O.) 13514. Topics covered will include clean energy, energy and water efficiency, fleet management, getting to zero waste, green buildings, and greening the supply chain. At CEQ’s inaugural

GreenGov Symposium in October 2010, more than 1,400 representatives from across all levels of government, the private sector, and the non-profit community came together to shape the future of Federal Government sustainability.

More information on the 2011 GreenGov Symposium, including registration information, will be available at www.greengov2011.org in the coming weeks.

CEQ Releases Draft Plan to Protect Water Quality and Availability from Climate Change Impacts

On June 2, CEQ released a draft plan to help Federal agencies assure adequate water supplies, safeguard water quality, and protect public health and property. The Draft National Action Plan for Managing Freshwater Resources in a Changing Climate will be available for public comment for 45 days.

The draft Action Plan recommends Federal agency actions to aid freshwater resource managers in managing and protecting the Nation’s water resources. It also outlines ways in which Federal agencies can support state, local, and tribal governments in their water resources planning by improving access to quality data and information and best practices. The draft Action Plan responds to a 2010 report from the interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force that identified freshwater resources planning as a priority.

“By ensuring Federal agencies and state and local partners have the tools they need to assess and plan for risks to water resources and infrastructure, we are protecting our assets across the country so that they can continue to meet the needs of American

communities,” said Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality.

2011 GreenGov Symposium

Which new track would you most like to see when you attend the 2011 GreenGov Symposium?

- * Meeting New Fleet Requirements
- * Sustainable Landscaping
- * Implementation & Engagement
- * Education & Training
- * Financing
- * Other (email suggestion to greengov@www.fedcenter.gov)

To vote and see Poll results, go to the [GreenGov Collaborative](#)

Agency News

New Navy and Marine Buildings to Achieve LEED Gold

On May 10, at the U.S. Green Building Council’s Federal Summit in Washington, DC, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that starting in FY 2013 all new Navy and Marine Corps buildings will be designed and constructed buildings to achieve the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Standard. Secretary Mabus noted that the Navy and Marine Corps will meet this new requirement without using any additional funds. “Even though we are an expeditionary service even though we do go to sea a lot, we have 72,500 buildings, and as these are removed, as these are replaced or renovated, we have a tremendous opportunity to make sure that the highest energy efficiency and sustainability standards are met,” said Secretary Mabus.

Today, almost half of new Navy buildings meet the LEED Gold Standard, and all remaining new buildings meet the LEED Silver standard.

Army Announces Net Zero Pilot Installation Locations

On April 19, the Army announced the locations of its net zero pilot installations as part of the Army's efforts to conserve resources such as energy and water and to eliminate waste.

The following Net-Zero Energy installations will produce as much energy on site as they use over the course of a year by 2020: Fort Detrick, Md., Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands,

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Calif., Sierra Army Depot, Calif., and West Point, N.Y.

The following Net-Zero Water installations will limit their consumption of freshwater resources and return water back to the same watershed over the course of a year by 2020: Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Camp Rilea, Ore., Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, Fort Riley, Kan., Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

The following Net-Zero Waste installations will reduce, reuse, and recover their waste streams over the course of a year so that diverting waste to landfills will become non-existent by 2020: Fort Detrick, Md., Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., Fort Polk, La., Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and U.S. Army Garrison, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Two additional installations will strive to achieve net-zero energy, net-zero water, and net-zero waste status by 2020: Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo.

“This is a significant step in addressing the Army’s sustainability and energy security challenges,” said Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. “Striving for net zero is operationally necessary, financially prudent, and critical to our mission.”

Eglin Air Force Base Honored with EPA’s Clean Air Excellence Award

On June 7, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored the 96th Civil Engineer Group of Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) with the 2011 Clean Air Excellence for Regulatory/Policy Innovations Award for its Air Quality Compliance Assistance Program (AQCAP).

Established in 2002 to ensure continuity of operations during personnel deployment and changeover inherent to military operations, the AQCAP is an air quality assurance program that combines web-based compliance tools, standardized procedures, and compliance checklists with a knowledgeable team to assure compliance with air quality regulations and policies. The Program has produced innovative guidance documents, such as the “Air Source Manager’s Guide,” and web-based tools, including training courses and database systems that provide ready access to air quality inventory and related data.

EPA’s Clean Air Excellence Awards program annually recognizes entries that reduce air pollution,

demonstrate innovative models for others to follow, and offer sustainable outcomes.

USPS Offers “Go Green” Stamps

Earlier this year, the U.S. Postal Service (Postal Service) unveiled a series of 16 Forever stamps that show ways an individual can reduce their environmental impact, as part of the Postal Service’s “Go Green” commitment. Tips include riding bikes, planting trees, and recycling bottles and cans. “We’re creating a culture of conservation at the Postal Service that will have a lasting impact in our workplace and our communities,” said Ronald A. Stroman, Deputy Postmaster General.

[From FedCenter.gov](http://FedCenter.gov)

Announcements

June

- **[Call for Papers for the 2012 Sustainable Water Management Conference](#)**
- **[The U.S. Army’s Southern Region Review Now Available](#)**
- **[The U.S. Army’s Northern Region Review Now Available](#)**
- **[EPA and NOAA to Partner with Local Governmental Entities to Improve the Sustainability of Waterfront Communities and Protect Coastal Ecosystems](#)**
- **[Federal Action Plan for Radon Now Available](#)**
- **[Call for Abstracts for Carbon Management Technology Conference](#)**
- **[Call for Poster Abstracts for the Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium and Workshop](#)**
- **[EPA and Coast Guard Will Jointly Enforce Air Pollution Requirements for Vessels Operating in U.S. Waters](#)**
- **["Waters of the U.S." Comment Period Extended](#)**
- **[EPA’s Sustainable Communities, Healthy Watersheds 2010 Annual Report](#)**
- **[Navy’s Monthly Environmental News for DoD Facilities in EPA’s Region 1, 2, and 3 \(REC Update\)](#)**

Upcoming Events

July

7/7 **[DOE’s Labs, Data Centers, and High-Tech Facilities Webinar](#)**

7/7 **[Leading by Example - How Energy Innovation Is Strengthening America's Military](#)**

7/18 **[Climate Adaptation: Practical Solutions for a Warming World Conference](#)**

(Until 7/20)

7/19 **[12th Annual EPA Community Involvement Training Conference](#)**

(Until 7/21)

7/19 **[DOE’s Energy Savings Performance Contract \(ESPC\) Comprehensive Workshop](#)**

(Until 7/21)

7/25 **[DoD Sustaining Military Readiness Conference](#)**

(Until 7/29)

7/26 **[FedFleet 2011 Conference](#)**

(Until 7/28)

7/27 **[Greening the Procurement Cycle Training](#)**

(Until 7/28)

7/31 **[Energy and Water 2011: Efficiency, Generation, Management, and Climate Impacts](#)**

(Until 8/3)

August

8/4 **[DOE’s Energy-Efficient Product Procurement Webinar](#)**

8/7 **[GovEnergy](#)**

(Until 8/10)

8/8 **[OPM’s Environmental Policy Issues Seminar](#)**

(Until 8/19)

September

9/20 **[Labs21 Annual Conference 2011](#)**

(Until 9/22)

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