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Federal Agencies Release Annual Performance Updates on Energy and Sustainability Goals

Agencies target opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce pollution, and eliminate waste

WASHINGTON – Today, Federal agencies released their annual updates on their energy and sustainability performance, an important part of the Obama Administration’s initiative to reduce energy use, waste and costs in Federal operations. Under Executive Order 13514, President Obama directed Federal agencies to lead by example in clean energy; and to meet energy, water, pollution, and waste reduction targets. These performance scorecards benchmark annual agency progress and enable them to target the best opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce pollution, and eliminate waste.

“Making smarter choices about energy use across the Federal government reduces pollution while also cutting costs for taxpayers,” said Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget. “Investments in energy efficiency over the last four years alone are expected to save as much as \$18 billion in energy costs over the life of the projects.”

“The scorecards show how Federal agencies are progressing toward the President’s ambitious goals for saving energy and saving taxpayer dollars,” said Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. “These scorecards provide agencies with a useful tool to keep focused on saving billions in energy costs over the next decade and help the Federal Government lead the Nation by example.”

Today’s announcement marks the second time agencies have publicly released their performance as part of the Administration’s commitment to increasing transparency and accountability in Federal operations. Based on these benchmarks, each agency will update its annual Sustainability Plan to expand on successes and address areas needing improvement.

To view individual agency OMB Sustainability/Energy Scorecards, visit:
<http://sustainability.performance.gov/>

To learn more about Executive Order 13514, visit:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability>

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