

Administrator's 500-Day Plan*

Increase the velocity of environmental progress by implementing “a better way”

Principles of “a better way”

- ♦ National standards, neighborhood solutions
- ♦ Reward results, not programs
- ♦ Collaboration, not polarization
- ♦ Lead with science and technology
- ♦ Markets before mandates
- ♦ Solutions transcend political boundaries
- ♦ Assure compliance, enforce the law
- ♦ Science for facts, process for priorities
- ♦ Consider benefits and costs
- ♦ Change a heart, change a nation



500 days with a 5,000-day horizon

“The President has charged me to take action to ensure our air is cleaner, our water is purer, and our land is better protected, all while affirming our economic competitiveness. This charge defines his passion, the mission of the Environmental Protection Agency and my stewardship as Administrator.”

-- Mike Leavitt

Clean the air

- ▶ Significantly improve the nation's health by working with states to implement our new more protective air quality standards for ozone and fine particles
- ▶ Reduce emissions of NO_x and SO₂ from coal-fired power plants by approximately 70% by finalizing the Clean Air Interstate Rule
- ▶ Decrease mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants by 70% by finalizing the Clean Air Mercury Rule
- ▶ Cut diesel emissions by replacing or retrofitting school buses with state-of-the-art emission controls through the Clean School Bus USA initiative

Protect and restore the water

- ▶ Create improved water-monitoring networks to keep water clean, safe and secure
- ▶ Ensure an overall increase of wetlands each year
- ▶ Restore watersheds and coastal waters

Recycle and renew polluted land

- ▶ Restore urban communities by redeveloping abandoned brownfield sites in each state

Make compliance our enforcement objective

- ▶ Apply consistent and certain enforcement to motivate compliance
- ▶ Make enforcement decisions using multiple factors, including available resources and desired environmental benefits

Implement Executive Order issued by President Bush on the Great Lakes

- ▶ Lead the Great Lakes Task Force
- ▶ Work with states, local governments, federal agencies, tribal nations, Canadian governments and other important stakeholders to create a regional collaboration of national significance in the Great Lakes region

Develop EPA's collaborative networks for environmental problem-solving

- ▶ Inventory, analyze, replicate and teach about successful collaborative networks

Protect America's Homeland

- ▶ Implement the President's Homeland Security Directives to enhance decontamination capabilities in the event of a biological attack, and to support first responders in a nationally significant terrorist event

Protect the culture of rural America with innovative approaches to environmental protection

- ▶ Assure that endangered species are protected from pesticides, while making certain that farmers and communities have the pest control tools they need

Advance the President's legislative priorities for EPA

- ▶ Pass Clear Skies legislation
- ▶ Elevate EPA to permanent cabinet-level status
- ▶ Ratify the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Treaty
- ▶ Ratify the Marine Pollution (MARPOL) Treaty Annex to reduce air pollution from ships

Capitalize on the stature and convening powers of the United States to improve the global environment

- ▶ Develop relationships with environmental ministers from the international community
- ▶ Initiate collaborative opportunities with other nations
- ▶ Champion the Global Earth Observation System of Systems and foster partnerships, like Climate Leaders, to address climate change

Manage resources wisely

- ▶ Value and reward EPA's diverse and talented workforce
- ▶ Implement the President's Management Agenda
 - Manage human capital strategically
 - Improve financial management
 - Integrate budget and performance
 - Expand e-government
 - Implement competitive sourcing