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DOE Publishes its Strategic Water Management Plan

The Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) announces the release of its Strategic Water Management Plan in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). The plan analyzes water use across the agency so that water management initiatives can be prioritized, thereby increasing DOE's water security and sustainability. Strategies are presented to help target best practices and alternative water projects. To access to the plan, visit [DOE's Powerpedia site](#).

OMB Releases Agency Sustainability Scorecards



OMB released the [January 2016 Scorecard](#) which highlights goal performance through FY 2015. Each year, OMB scores agency progress toward federal sustainability goals through the OMB Sustainability/Energy Scorecard. The scorecard benchmarks agency progress in reducing energy and water use, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and pollution and waste, while performing government operations more efficiently and reducing operating costs.

Through FY 2015, DOE reduced scope 1&2 (direct) GHGs 33 percent, energy intensity 30 percent, and fleet petroleum 25 percent. In addition, DOE received credit for 19.8% of DOE's electricity use from renewable

electricity sources, including at least 3.75% from thermal, electric or mechanical sources. The scorecard also identifies where DOE can improve performance. The Green Buildings goal continues to be a challenge for DOE although the Department added 43 compliant buildings in FY 2015 (an increase of 42 percent over FY 2014).

To learn more about DOE's efforts and to view DOE's 2015 Sustainability Scorecard, visit: <http://energy.gov/eere/spo/plans-and-reports>.

Reporting Deadline FAST Approaching!

The annual EAct 701 Waiver and the EISA 246 Fueling Center Reporting, through the Federal Automated Statistical Tool (FAST), officially opened on June 1st. DOE's internal deadline is [Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM EDT](#).

Please note that waiver requests cannot be appealed once they are denied. All information supporting the need for a waiver must be provided in the comment field for the relevant vehicle(s) in FAST. If the supporting information does not fit in the FAST comment field, contact [Dante Tan](#). Also contact him for the reporting requirements and waiver methodology.

SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR



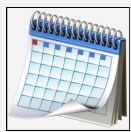
Kate McMordie was instrumental in developing the DOE Strategic Water Management Plan. This plan will guide the DOE in managing water sustainably across the agency.

See the lead story for more information on the plan.

Send us your Superstar!



National Pollinator Week — Attend this [free webinar](#) on June 23rd, and get inspired by the White House's federal strategy to restore or enhance 7 million acres of land for pollinators over the next 5 years. Click [here](#) to view DOE's Pollinator Protection Plan.



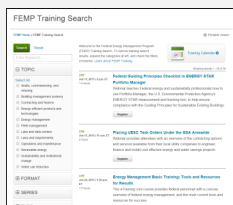
UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES

June 21: [Placing UESC Task Orders under the GSA Areawide Contract](#)

June 22: [Just in Time ESPC Webinars Session 2—The Critical Path to Success](#)

June 29-July 4 & July 7-10: [Volunteer for Sustainability at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#)

ON-DEMAND TRAINING



Visit the Federal Energy Management Program's [Training Search](#) for a comprehensive collection of on-demand trainings.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



ORNL and GE Appliances are developing [ultrasonic drying technology](#) that uses vibrations to dry fabric.

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FEMP Provides 2016 Guiding Principles Crosswalk Guidance

To assist agencies with the transition between the *2008 Guiding Principles for Federal Sustainable Buildings* and the updated [2016 Guiding Principles](#), the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) developed two crosswalk guidance documents to explain and highlight the differences between the 2016 and 2008 versions of the Guiding Principles.

Read the crosswalk documents: one for [existing buildings](#) and one for [new construction and modernization](#). The documents walk through each of the 2016 Guiding Principles and highlight significant changes or new requirements.

Celebrating the 2016 EPEAT Purchasing Award Winners

On May 24th, 2016, a ceremony was held in Washington, D.C. honoring the 2016 EPEAT Purchasing Award winners. The awards recognize excellence in the procurement of sustainable electronics. A remarkable 15 of the 38 award winners represented DOE labs, sites, and facilities. At the ceremony, Ingrid Kolb, Director of the DOE Office of Management, stated that “the environmental impact of DOE sustainable purchases over the last ten years was the equivalent of removing every car from the Washington D.C. Beltway for three weeks.”



The awards recognized the winners for their procurement efforts in up to three categories: PCs and Displays, Imaging Equipment, and Televisions. To see a full list of the award winners, click [here](#).

Better Buildings Challenge Partners Save More Than \$1.3 Billion

In May 2016, Secretary Moniz and U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro released [Better Buildings Challenge](#) partner results. Since 2011, both the number of Better Buildings Challenge partners and energy efficiency commitments have tripled,

resulting in energy cost savings that now exceed the \$1.3 billion mark, resulting in the avoidance of 10 million tons of harmful carbon emissions. There are now 310 Better Buildings Challenge partners, who are set to achieve goals of at least 20 percent energy reduction within 10 years. Together they represent

[34,000 buildings and facilities, 4.2 billion square feet, and \\$5.5 billion dollars in energy efficiency investment.](#)

Latest reporting shows partners are on track, decreasing energy use on average by over two percent each year. The innovative solutions utilized by these partners to achieve the goals can be found on the [Better Buildings Solution Center](#) website.



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<https://www.fedcenter.gov/assistance/newsletters/greengovleader/>

