

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

During his first 500 days the Administrator is focusing on the following priorities¹:

Clean the Air

- Significantly improve the nation’s health by working with states to implement our new more stringent 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 Interstate Air Quality Rule
- Decrease mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants by 70% by finalizing the Utility Mercury Reduction Rule
- Cut diesel emissions by finalizing the non-road diesel rule and implementing the Clean School Bus initiative

Clean and protect the water

- Create improved water-monitoring networks to keep water clean, safe and secure
- Ensure no net loss of wetlands
- 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 benefit

Develop EPA’s collaborative networks for environmental problem-solving

- Inventory, analyze, replicate and teach about successful collaborative networks
- Create regional collaborations of national significance for air and water quality improvement
- Champion the Earth Observing System and foster partnerships, like Climate Leaders, to address climate change

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

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

¹This plan will be reviewed and updated every 200 days