



# The Administrator's Action Plan

*“President Bush has charged EPA with accelerating the pace of environmental protection while maintaining our nation’s economic competitiveness, and I am committed to meeting this challenge.”*

— Administrator Stephen L. Johnson

As ADMINISTRATOR, MY PRIORITIES ARE FOCUSED ON THE POLICIES THAT WILL MEET THE PRESIDENT’S CHARGE. As we work to implement our Strategic Plan, EPA will accelerate the pace of environmental protection by taking actions that produce environmental results and are accountable to the public, and by embracing the tools of innovation and collaboration — all the while, ensuring that the best available science remains at the center of our decision making.

## *Cleaner Air and Affordable Energy*

- Provide certainty for consumers and protect the environment by seeking passage of Clear Skies legislation
- Expand the use of biofuels and promote diesel emissions reductions through retrofit and other technologies
- Promote clean air and energy security through voluntary conservation programs, such as Energy Star and SmartWay Transport
- Make timely permitting decisions and foster technological innovations to support the clean development of domestic energy resources (oil, gas, nuclear, coal, wind, and solar)

## *Clean and Safe Water*

- Develop innovative, market-based, and sustainable solutions for water infrastructure financing and management
- Advance regional collaborations for the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico
- Restore and protect America’s wetlands and watersheds
- Improve water monitoring networks

## *Healthy Communities and Ecosystems*

- Continue to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning
- Restore contaminated properties, including brownfields, to environmental and economic vitality
- Encourage voluntary “good samaritan” efforts to clean up abandoned mine sites
- Promote stewardship through increased resource conservation, including waste minimization and recycling

## *Principles to Accelerate the Pace of Environmental Protection*

### *Results and Accountability*

EPA remains committed to being a good steward of our environment and a good steward of our tax dollars. To provide the American people with environmental results, the Agency must operate efficiently and effectively through the use of transparent management tools and measures. EPA will continue to vigorously enforce our nation’s environmental laws through effective compliance assistance and a strong enforcement program.

### *Innovation and Collaboration*

Meeting today’s environmental challenges require new approaches. Together with our state, local, tribal, and private-sector partners, EPA will identify and foster approaches, such as Cooperative Conservation, that promote environmental stewardship and produce results through innovation and collaboration.

### *Best Available Science*

EPA will continue to use the best available scientific information as the basis for its decision making. EPA will strengthen the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) to provide world-class data, and will continue to ensure that its workforce has the tools and skills needed for new areas of scientific inquiry, such as genomics, nanotechnology, and computational toxicology.

## *The Global Environment*

- Promote energy security, cuts in air pollution, and the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions through the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and the Methane-to-Markets Partnership
- Seek passage of legislation to implement the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) treaty
- Advance international collaboration on environmental issues

## *A Stronger EPA*

- Implement the President’s Management Agenda
- Work to ensure a diverse, talented, and highly-skilled workforce
- Contribute to America’s homeland security, including response to natural disasters, through prevention, preparedness, and research