



Cross-Agency Priority Goal

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| Goal Leader: | Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House council on Environmental Quality |
| Goal Statement: | By 2020, the Federal Government will reduce its direct greenhouse gas emissions by 28 percent and will reduce its indirect greenhouse gas emissions by 13 percent by 2020 (from 2008 baseline). |
| Description: | With more than 1.8 million civilian employees, 500,000 buildings, and billions in annual purchasing power, the Federal Government has a responsibility to lead by example when it comes to its environmental, energy, and economic performance. As the largest consumer of energy in the American economy, it is also the Federal Government's responsibility to promote the growth of clean energy industries and jobs in the U.S. Agencies demonstrate their short-term and long-term planning and achievements through annual Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans and Sustainability and Energy Scorecards. In 2010, President Obama announced that the Federal Government will reduce its direct greenhouse gas emissions, such as those from fuels and building energy use, by 28 percent by 2020 and will reduce its indirect greenhouse gas emissions, such as those from employee business travel and employee commuting, by 13 percent by 2020. By meeting these two goals, the Federal Government could save up to \$11 billion in energy costs over the next decade and eliminate the equivalent of 235 million barrels of oil from its own activities. While working towards these goals, the Federal Government has improved energy efficiency across the board, expanded Federal use of renewable energy, and is working to reduce the reliance on petroleum for the Federal fleet. |