

## THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Social Security Administration (SSA) touches the lives of virtually every person in America. We run one of the Nation's largest entitlement programs and the Supplemental Security Income program, which provides financial support for the Nation's aged, blind, and disabled adults and children with limited resources. While fulfilling our mission to provide economic security, we will continue our history of promoting a clean energy economy, environmental leadership, and sustainability. We will work cooperatively with other Federal, State, county, and local governments to promote sound environmental management practices while providing a safe and healthy work environment for our employees.

We are pleased to publish this Environmental Policy Statement as part of our Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan, and we will complete an organizational Environmental Management System by September 2012. These documents provide our agency with a structured, systematic approach for managing environmental and regulatory responsibilities to continuously improve overall environmental stewardship.

To promote environmental stewardship, our officials will:

- Comply with all environmental and energy-related statutes, Executive Orders, and any applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.
- Consider environmental aspects when making planning, purchasing, operating, and budgetary decisions.
- Continue our employee awareness campaign to educate and encourage employees to reduce energy consumption and water usage, reduce the amount of waste produced, and promote re-use and recycling whenever possible.
- Continue improving environmental stewardship by setting environmental goals, measuring progress, taking corrective action when necessary, and communicating the results.
- Consider climate change and adaptation in our agency operations.
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout the agency.

We are pleased to promote environmental leadership and sustainability at SSA.



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