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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FY 2000 Annual Progress Report for
Executive Order 13148

Background:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) occupies two office buildings at its headquarters location in Rockville, Maryland. One White Flint North building (OWFN), 11555 Rockville Pike, is a Federally-owned building and Two White Flint North building (TWFN), 11545 Rockville Pike, is a leased building. NRC has delegated authority from the General Services Administration (GSA) to operate and maintain both buildings. NRC occupies a small warehouse facility in Rockville and several significantly smaller regional facilities that are office-type leased space managed by the lessors.

NRC is committed to complying with Executive Order (EO) 13148 to the maximum extent possible. The NRC is moving toward meeting the goals of Part 2 as described below.

Part 3 - Planning and Accountability

NRC is committed to developing policies and procedures for implementation of EO 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition;" E.O. 13123, "Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management;" and E.O. 13149, "Greening the Government Through Fleet and Transportation Efficiency." In accordance with Section 306, we have designated Thomas O. Martin, Director, Division of Facilities and Security, to participate in the Interagency Environmental Leadership Workgroup.

Part 4 - Promoting Environmental Management and Leadership

We are developing environmental management system self assessment and environmental compliance audit program strategies to review the agency's environmental leadership goals, objectives and targets in compliance with Section 401. We reward exceptional performance in implementing the E.O. through the Agency's award program.

Part 5 - Emergency Planning, Community Right-To-Know, and Pollution Prevention

Section 505 establishes a variety of actions to reduce the use of ozone depleting substances at Federal facilities. GSA conducted a pilot program on the use of ozone depleting substances and recommended that the OWFN chillers, manufactured by Trane, be replaced with 134A refrigerant or equivalent type units. They are on GSA's list for replacement. In TWFN, some of our chillers already use the alternative refrigerant (134A); others use R-22. Whenever refrigerant is removed from building equipment, the work is performed by a certified mechanic, specially trained for such work, using proper industry removal and disposal techniques. Our operation and maintenance and cleaning contracts prohibit the use of ozone-depleting substances.

Part 6 - Landscaping Management Practices

We have incorporated several Federal Laws into our landscaping contract, one of which is the requirement of Section 601 regarding Landscaping Management Practices. Our contractor has been instructed to use non-polluting power equipment. On days when warnings are issued that may exceed the federal health standard for ozone, the contractor minimizes the use of gasoline powered equipment.

Part 7 - Acquisition and Procurement

In compliance with Section 701, NRC procurement officials have reviewed each of the Greening initiatives which were recently promulgated. They have updated internal instructions to acquisition staff which highlight recent Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) final and proposed rules covering these initiatives. Acquisition staff must review all specifications for products and services to ensure they comply with these initiatives. NRC procurement officials will continue to update internal instructions to acquisition staff as necessary to conform with final and proposed FAR guidance covering the Greening initiatives.