THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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Memorandum

To: Solicitor
Inspector General
Assistant Secretaries
Heads of Bureaus and Offices

From: Secretary Dirk Kempthorne

Subject: **Executive Order 13423 – Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management**

On January 24, 2007, the President signed Executive Order 13423 – "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management." Specifically, the E.O. requires additional reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by reducing energy intensity in buildings; reductions in water consumption intensity; the acquisition of more environmentally sound products; reduction in the use of chemical and toxic materials; the increased implementation of environmental management systems; the incorporation of sustainability strategies in new and renovated buildings; the continued reduction in petroleum consumption in vehicles; and the increased use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles.

Although we have made significant progress in the areas of environmental, energy, and transportation management, there is still more work to be done. Our accomplishments to date provide an excellent foundation for us to intensify and broaden our efforts to meet the ambitious goals of the E.O. Among these accomplishments, the Department of the Interior was the first Federal agency to require environmentally responsible life cycle (purchase, use, and disposal) consolidation ("green") in an information technology contract. The Department has also incorporated 867 on-site renewable energy projects at our facilities, and has reduced the consumption of petroleum-based products in our vehicles by 15 percent since 1999. I expect the Department, as the Nation's premier conservation agency, to lead by example.

I look to your leadership to achieve results and make progress toward these goals. Your commitment directly protects the environment and natural resources and contributes to the energy security of this Nation.

Mr. Christopher B. Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Policy, and International Affairs is the Senior Civilian Officer responsible for the implementation of this E.O.

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