

DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release 515 DM 4, Environmental Management Systems updates the Departmental policy, responsibilities, and functions for implementing environmental management systems. The revised policy sets forth the Department's requirements for environmental management systems and incorporates the requirements of EO 13693, *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*, dated March 25, 2015. It fulfills the requirement to develop and implement an agency-wide strategic process that coordinates appropriate functions and programs to address the goals of EO 13693. Significant updates to the chapter include:

- Replacing outdated language and requirements from rescinded EOs.
- Updating roles and responsibilities to reflect those in the Department's Sustainability Council (Council) Charter and Operating Plan.
- Updating environmental management systems implementation requirements.
- Adding environmental management system maintenance requirements to reflect those adopted by the Council.

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