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**MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: EPA Region 6 Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy

FROM: Richard E. Greene /s/ *Richard Greene*  
Regional Administrator (6RA)

TO: All Region 6 EPA/SEE/Contractor Employees

Region 6 is committed to reducing both environmental impacts and the consumption of natural resources in its operations and facilities. Our goals extend beyond legal and mandated obligations to a higher rim of environmental conscientiousness, and demands that we become more proactive rather than reactive to environmental issues. In doing so, Region 6 fully supports and strives to meet the six Environmental Management System (EMS) goals set forth by the Administrator, Governor Christine Todd Whitman and EPA's EMS Implementation Policy dated May 17, 2002. Those goals are:

- ensure compliance by meeting or exceeding all applicable environmental requirements;
- strive to continuously improve environmental performance in terms of both regulated and unregulated environmental impacts (e.g., energy and water conservation);
- employ source reduction and other pollution prevention approaches whenever practicable;
- require consideration of environmental factors when making planning, purchasing and operating decisions;
- establish, track and review specific environmental performance goals; and
- share information on environmental performance with the public and allow appropriate opportunities for input into EMS development and implementation.

I expect full support of Region 6 managers, supervisors, and employees in ensuring these goals retain a high priority in our plans and daily operations. We must strive to maintain a positive impact upon our environment and ensure we remain the leader in the management of environmental issues.

Should you have questions or need additional information regarding our EMS Program, please contact Jerry King at 5-6400.