Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The U.S. Department of the Interior
and
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
on the
National Environmental Performance Track Network Partnership

The Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) share a common vision of commitment to the implementation of environmental management systems such as continuous environmental improvement, stewardship, and community outreach. With this Memorandum of Understanding, the DOI demonstrates its support of the goals of the National Environmental Performance Track Program (PT).

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to encourage continual improvement in environmental performance at DOI facilities and leadership in the development of environmental management systems (EMS). To assist one another in our shared vision, DOI and EPA agree in this network partnership to:

- Advocate the implementation of EMS at DOI facilities.
- Publish and post articles, information, and links about EMS and PT in internal publications.
- Invite and encourage reciprocal workshops, presentations, and displays on EMS and PT at conferences and meetings.
- Explore additional opportunities for building partnerships to improve environmental performance and to promote PT.
- Recognize high-performing DOI facilities by encouraging their participation in PT.
- Communicate regularly to share program policies, procedures and lessons learned.
- Look for additional ways to promote our shared vision that will benefit the American public.

This MOU does not alter the statutory authorities of either DOI or EPA. Furthermore, this MOU is not a fund-obligating document. This MOU will remain in effect unless terminated by either Agency upon 30 days notice to the other or amended by mutual consent.

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