

EEWG Teleconference Meeting Notes
on Draft Water Guidance Supplement to EO 13423
November 29, 2007

Teleconference was held on November 29th with participants from LANL, SNL, PNL, SRS, Ames, ORNL and FEMP to discuss the draft Water guidance document written by Bill Sandusky.

Also discussed was the pending Water Management Plan document that is expected to be drafted by 12/25/07 that will be an additional tool in support of EO 13423 requirements that will provide consistent format and content for site Water Management Plans.

Reporting requirements for water usage will be consistent with current EMS4 reporting requirements and should be coordinated with annual Energy Management plans. Data from this system will be used to for annual reporting requirements.

A question was posed related to the exemption process for facilities where water usage is critical to mission. Who should the exemption be submitted to and when? This will need clarification in the guidance. In addition, the annual requirement to re-justify exclusion should be changed to every five years to be less burdensome.

Reporting and requirement is based on 'potable' water usage where leased facilities are exempt. Reporting metrics are also based on square footage and not acreage. There was some concern with heavily landscaped and irrigated sites and the skewing of data and metrics.

Until metering is complete process usage can be estimated at the facility level. Rebaselining may be needed if metering changes and percent usages change.

A question was posed relating to specification of WaterSenseSM labeled products and contractors certified in this program. WaterSense is a type of listing by the EPA similar to the UL listing for certain components. Competition may be limited on these type products or certifications but should not be considered a sole source issue.

A concern was expressed related to the TEAM initiative portfolio approach to reductions versus the current proposed guidance being drafted which requires reduction goals of EO 13423 to be placed into site operating contracts which translates these goals into individual site goals. It was recommended that a letter of concern be drafted by the EEWG discussing the portfolio approach.

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