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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Personnel

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Under Secretary for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Environmental Policy Statement for S&T

As a premier science-based organization, S&T is committed to operating in a manner that promotes the long-term sustainability of the ecosystems in which we work and live. Accordingly, proactive and responsible stewardship of the environment is one of our core organizational objectives and is the responsibility of all S&T personnel.

It is the policy of S&T to protect, respect, and maintain the environment. We shall:

- Comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Identify environmental objectives and targets which represent performance beyond strict regulatory compliance and strive to meet or exceed them.
- Monitor our environmental performance through regular evaluations and reset targets and objectives periodically.
- Reduce the quantity and toxicity of materials used and waste generated from our facilities and operations through source reduction, reuse, and recycling.
- Consider environmental costs, risks, and impacts when making planning, contracting, purchasing, and operating decisions.
- Review all proposed activities for potential environmental impact in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Leverage our unique talents, knowledge, technical capabilities, and leadership to achieve environmental sustainability with continual improvement.

S&T is committed to environmental protection, regulatory compliance, continual environmental improvement, and pollution prevention. All S&T personnel are expected to give their commitment and support to this critical issue.