CHAPTER 11 Sustainable Practices



Sustainable Practices is a vital part of supporting DLA's mission. The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is in the process of providing new guidance going forward to meet sustainability objectives and goals set by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) per Executive Order (EO) 13834 "Efficient Federal Operations."

Executive Order 13834: Efficient Federal Operations

EO 13834: *Efficient Federal Operations* was signed May 17, 2018. This EO references requirements established by the <u>Energy Policy Act of 2005</u> and the <u>Energy Independence</u> <u>and Security Act (EISA) of 2007</u>.

It is the policy of the United States that agencies meet such statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment. In implementing this policy, each agency shall prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of federal infrastructure and operations, and enable more effective accomplishment of its mission. *This EO rescinds EO 13693.*

EO 13834 includes the following requirements for federal agencies:

- Reduce building energy use annually and implement cost-saving energy efficiency measures.
- Meet *statutory requirements* for renewable energy and electricity consumption.
- Reduce potable and non-potable water consumption and comply with stormwater management requirements.
- Use performance contracting to achieve energy, water, building modernization, and infrastructure goals.
- Ensure new construction and major renovations conform to building efficiency requirements and sustainable design principles; consider building efficiency when renewing or entering into leases; implement space utilization and optimization practices; and annually report on building conformance to sustainability metrics.
- Implement waste prevention and recycling and comply with federal requirements on the management and disposal of solid, hazardous, and toxic waste.
- Adhere to *Federal Acquisition Regulation* requirements and procurement policies regarding the purchase, use, and disposal of products, including electronics.
- Track and report on energy management activities, performance improvements, cost reductions, greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water savings, and other performance measures.

The CEQ will develop guidance for federal agencies on how to meet these requirements.

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