

Climate Enforcement and Compliance: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announces Issuance of New Strategy



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") issued a September 28th memorandum titled:

EPA's Climate Enforcement and Compliance Strategy ("Memorandum")

The Memorandum was transmitted from EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance David M. Uhlmann to:

- OECA Office Directors and Deputies
- Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Directors and Deputies
- Superfund and Emergency Management Division Directors and Deputies
- Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division Directors and Deputies
- Regional Counsel and Deputies

The Memorandum directs all EPA enforcement and compliance offices to:

. . . address compliance change, whenever appropriate, in every matter within their jurisdiction.

The Memorandum specifically requires EPA's enforcement compliance program to:

- (1) prioritize enforcement and compliance actions to mitigate climate change;
- (2) include climate adaptation and resilience in case conclusions whenever appropriate; and
- (3) provide technical assistance to achieve climate-related solutions and build climate change capacity among EPA staff and our state and local partners

Each of these requirements are spelled out in more detail in the Memorandum.

The Memorandum can be downloaded [here](#).