

This environmental alert is provides information about a change in environmental law or regulation that may impact your operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT #2007-0002 Department Annual Environmental Stewardship Awards Program Standard Operating Procedures

General: The Office of Human Resources Management approved the Department Annual Environmental Stewardship Awards program on March 13, 2007. A copy of the operating procedures for this program is available at <http://www.osec.doc.gov/oas/environmental/policy.htm>. Chapter 16, Environmental Awards Program, of the Environmental Management Manual (EMM) dated December 2006, is revoked. Later this year, the EMM will be updated to reflect the procedures for the new awards program.

The purpose of this new awards program is to recognize the outstanding achievements of Department employees for efforts that significantly contribute to or promote environmental stewardship within the environmental, energy or transportation programs under Executive Order (EO) 13423, *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*. This awards program is designed to mirror the White House Closing the Circle Awards program. Department level winners will be eligible to compete in the annual White House Closing the Circle Awards program.

Additional Information: If you have any questions or concerns about this alert, please contact the Department Environmental Manager, Peter Wixted, at (202) 482-3444, or email at pwixted@doc.gov.