U.S. Department of Commerce
Real Property Management Manual
POLICY BULLETIN #FY 2015-003

Subject: E.O 13693: *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*

Reference: Executive Order 13693 of March 19, 2015 and *Implementing Instructions for Executive Order 13693 Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade* dated June 10, 2015 (see link below) [note 1]

Effective: Immediately

Cancellation: Effective until cancelled, suspended, or incorporated in a new publication of the Real Property Management Manual (RPMM).

1. Purpose. To notify all Department of Commerce (DOC) personnel of changed or newly enacted policies.

2. Background. Executive Order (EO) 13514, dated October 5, 2009, required Federal agencies to establish an integrated strategy towards sustainability as well as to make the reduction of greenhouse gas-emission a priority. Agencies are required to lead by example in creating a clean energy economy. They are also required to establish Environmental Management Systems, and set goals for sustainability, energy and water consumption, and gas emission.

   EO 13693, dated March 19, 2015, strengthens the requirements outlined in EO 13514 and provides specific metrics and goals for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions through 2025. EO 13693 looks ahead to support climate changes and intends to achieve equal or better environmental and energy efficient results. The EO requires a wide array of sustainability practices and energy consumption goals for Federal facilities, fleet and acquisition. It also revoked and replaced EOs 13514 and 13423.

3. Applicability. This Bulletin applies to all DOC owned and leased real properties.

4. Requirements.

   a. EO 13693 replaces all EO 13514 and EO 13423 references in the DOC Real Property Management Manual.

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b. Requirements for Real Properties:

i. For new leases, include cost-effective strategies to optimize sustainable space usage and consider existing community transportation planning and infrastructure, including access to public transit.

ii. Beginning in fiscal year 2016, solicitations for leases over 10,000 rentable square feet will include criteria for energy efficiency either as required performance specification or as a source selection evaluation factor in best-value tradeoff procurements;

iii. Beginning in fiscal year 2016, lease solicitations over 10,000 rentable square feet will require the lessor to disclose data for carbon emissions or energy consumption;

iv. Beginning in fiscal year 2020, design all new federal buildings greater than 5,000 gross square feet to achieve net zero energy, and where feasible, net-zero water or waste;

v. Ensure new construction and major renovations include appropriate design and deployment of fleet charging infrastructure, including infrastructure to fuel zero emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles as well as opportunities for ancillary services to support vehicle-to-grid technology;

vi. Reduce facility energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions;

vii. Reduce data center energy consumption;

viii. Increase use of clean and renewable energy;

ix. Reduce water consumption; and,

x. Upgrade buildings to meet the *Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings* where lifecycle cost-effective.

5. Responsibilities.

a. Office of the Facilities and Environmental Quality (OFEQ):

i. The Office of Real Property Programs (ORPP) will assist with real property issues.

ii. The Office of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Programs (OSEEP) will advise on sustainability, environmental, energy consumption and related issues.

b. Operating Units:

Operating Units will work with OFEQ to establish goals, report performance and manage compliance with requirement at their applicable facilities.

[1] https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/eo_13693_implementing_instructions_june_10_2015.pdf