

**CHARTER FOR THE ECOS-EPA  
PARTNERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE WORKGROUP (P&P Workgroup)  
OF THE ECOS PLANNING COMMITTEE  
August 2010**

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ECOS hereby continues the Partnership and Performance Workgroup (P&P Workgroup) of the ECOS Planning Committee (PC) that built upon the work of the joint ECOS-EPA Alignment and Performance Partnership Agreement Workgroup established in 2004 to focus on addressing partnership and performance priorities identified by the States and EPA.

**Purpose:** The Partnership and Performance Workgroup will continue to provide a joint forum for state environmental agencies and EPA to provide advice and recommendations to strengthen the State- federal environmental partnerships including performance.

**Scope:** The Workgroup will address issues and challenges associated with the State-EPA relationship and the various mechanisms used to foster the partnership, and enhance state and federal capacity to manage for environmental results through effective joint planning, worksharing, performance measurement, and accountability. The Workgroup will seek to maintain a positive and highly-functioning state-federal relationship in the near and longer term, with particular emphasis on developing strategies to optimize deployment of state and EPA resources to carry out our shared responsibilities for protecting human health and the environment.

**Charges:** The Partnership and Performance Workgroup will review current practices and recent evaluations, develop specific proposals and make recommendations to the ECOS Planning Committee and ECOS Members and to EPA concerning the following areas:

- 1) The principles and tools of the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) to better adapt to changing conditions and improve the overall effectiveness of EPA and the States in carrying out our shared responsibilities for protecting human health and the environment including empowering State and EPA regional engagement in EPA's agency-wide planning processes (e.g. EPA's Strategic Plan, annual planning and budgeting, National Program Manager Guidance)
- 2) EPA state grants across all programs including Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) to address accountability, transparency, and administrative efficiency
- 3) EPA and state performance measures to assess and communicate environmental results effectively and efficiently
- 4) State requirements for reporting information to EPA to reduce burden and to limit duplication

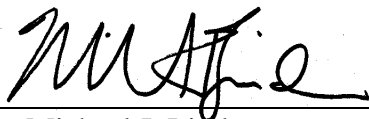
**Leadership and  
Membership:**

The Partnership and Performance Workgroup will be co-chaired by two or three ECOS and two or three EPA representatives. The Chairperson of the ECOS Planning Committee will name the ECOS Co-Chairs and the EPA Deputy Administrator will name the EPA Co-Chairs.

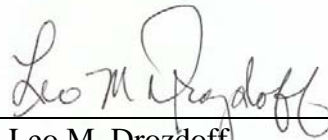
The Partnership and Performance Workgroup will include ECOS members and associated state representatives and EPA career senior leadership—Deputy Assistant Administrators for National Programs and Deputy Regional Administrators and associated EPA managers and staff. Workgroup membership will be sought from, but not limited to the following entities:

- ECOS Planning Committee
- ECOS-EPA State Grants Subgroup
- ECOS Data Management Workgroup
- Other ECOS Members or staff
- EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR)
- EPA Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)
- EPA Office of Environmental Information (OEI)
- EPA Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD)
- State representatives from each EPA region
- Representatives from appropriate EPA programs and regions

**Approvals:**



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