

TRACKING PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

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I. BACKGROUND

Tracking the Greenhouse Gas Inventory is critical to evaluating progress toward achieving the reductions identified in the Climate Action Plan. In accordance with the Presidents' Climate Commitment, a Greenhouse Gas Inventory must be completed and made publicly available every two years. The first inventory was made publicly available in January 2009 and included data for FY08; therefore, the inventory for FY10 will be due in January 2011. In addition, the Presidents' Climate Commitment requires a public report of progress toward initiatives from the Climate Action Plan on a biennial basis from the date the Climate Action Plan is submitted. The progress report occurs on alternating years from the Greenhouse Gas Inventory schedule.

II. APPROACH

The Climate Action Plan will always be a work in progress. Change will be requisite due to new ideas, new technology, and successes or failures along the way. In addition, data collection methods and data management will continue to be refined to provide the most consistent and accurate information possible.

Moving forward, responsibility for each category of strategies will be assigned to a champion who will track the implementation of each strategy that is reviewed and approved. In addition, the champion will assign priority to each strategy, create a mechanism for reporting progress, and provide that information to the campus on a regular basis. The responsible party also will provide the requisite publicly reviewed reporting on a biennial basis. The University Sustainability Committee will oversee periodic revisions to the Climate Action Plan and evaluate the progress of strategy implementation.

III. NEXT STEPS

The success of this plan will be determined by the extent to which the suggestions presented here are implemented and the degree to which new projects are added in the years to come.

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