



## Federal Maritime Commission 2018 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan

### Executive Summary

First constituted over 100 years ago as the United States Shipping Board in the Shipping Act of 1916, the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC, Commission, or agency) was authorized in its current form as an independent Executive Branch agency in 1961. The Commission's mission is to ensure a competitive and reliable international ocean transportation system that supports the U.S. economy and protects the public from unfair and deceptive practices. The Commission is responsible for the regulation of oceanborne transportation in the foreign commerce of the United States for the benefit of U.S. exporters, importers, and consumers. The Commission is directed by five Commissioners appointed for staggered five-year terms, with one Commissioner designated by the President to serve as Chairman. The Chairman is the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the agency.

Congress has charged the FMC with oversight responsibilities designed to ensure competitive and efficient ocean transportation services for the shipping public, and to protect the public from unfair and deceptive practices. The principal statutes administered by the Commission, codified in Title 46 of the U.S. Code at sections 40101 through 44106, are:

- the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 (Shipping Act), 46 U.S.C. §§ 40101-41309;
- the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (FSPA), 46 U.S.C. §§ 42301-42307;
- section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (1920 Act), 46 U.S.C. §§ 42101-42109; and
- sections 2 and 3 of Pub. L. No. 89-777, 80 Stat. 1350, 46 U.S.C. §§ 44101-44106.

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) strives to comply with relevant federal environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders. Because the FMC is a small agency with no real property assets, our focus is to incorporate sustainable practices into our day-to-day business operations. For example, many FMC publications are available through our website, and hard copy production of publications has been reduced significantly over the last few years.

The FMC is committed to pursuing and achieving sustainability goals and targets. The Commission's management and staff seek to achieve sustainability targets in areas such as green purchasing, reduction in travel and use of leased vehicles, use of public transit, flexible work schedules, and telework. The FMC maintains existing programs related to recycling of paper, glass, plastics, and toner cartridges; use of energy efficient lighting; and conservation of water in its General Services Administration-leased headquarters offices at 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

The Commission does not own any real property or vehicles. Headquarters offices are co-located with several other tenants in a privately-owned building leased by the GSA, and the Area Representatives are also located in GSA-leased space. Acting solely as a tenant, the Commission is unable to identify GHG scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions except for those generated by employee business travel and commuting.

At the mid-point of FY 2018, 70% of employees (80 of 114 currently onboard) were participating in the Federal transit benefits program. Employees and interns are encouraged to make use of mass transit, telework, and/or a compressed work schedule, which can further reduce the use of these resources.

Business travel is limited to that which is required to support mission objectives. Commission staff sometimes travel to fulfill the agency’s statutory responsibilities, and participate in local or regional outreach programs, industry educational forums, dispute resolution meetings, or training. The Commission is dedicated to reducing Level 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions and will explore and attempt to develop alternative options for communicating and fulfilling its mission responsibilities.

SCOPE 3 GHG TARGET	UNITS	FY 2008	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Business Ground Travel	mtCO2e	11	2	4	5	4	4
Business Air Travel	Kg CO2 equivalent	127,152	27,839	50,505	83,448	89,993	94,647

The FMC currently leases 5 vehicles from GSA: 1 mid-size, 2 compact, and 2 sub-compact. One of the cars is flex-fuel, 2 are hybrid electric and 2 have standard gasoline engines. The FMC has made a commitment to transition all leased vehicles from gasoline to gas/electric hybrid vehicles as their lease terms expire. The data for these vehicles is reported in the GSA’s FAST Data Center.

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