



Federal Maritime Commission 2020 Sustainability Report and Implementation Plan

Executive Summary

First constituted over 100 years ago as the United States Shipping Board, 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.

The Federal Maritime Commission strives to comply with relevant federal environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders. The FMC is a small agency with no real property assets, therefore our focus is to incorporate sustainable practices into 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 decade.

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 Commission's nine Area Representatives, located in major U.S. port areas, are also located in GSA-leased space.

The FMC is committed to pursuing and achieving sustainability within its limited reach, i.e., management seeks to achieve sustainability in areas such as green purchasing, reduction in travel and use of leased vehicles, and encouraging 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.

Notable Highlights

At the end of FY 2019, 62% of employees (72 of 116 onboard) were participating in the Federal transit benefits program. Employees are encouraged to make use of telework, and/or a compressed work schedule, which can further reduce commuting expenses and emissions. During FY 2019, there were 85 employee telework agreements in place, 82 employees teleworked at least once during the year, and of those, 39 had regularly scheduled telework.

Business travel is limited to that which is required to support mission objectives, and the Commission actively tracks greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by employee business travel. Commission staff must 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 remains dedicated to reducing Level 3 GHG Emissions consistent with fulfilling its mission responsibilities.

SCOPE 3 GHG TARGET	UNITS	Base Year FY 2008	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change FY 2008 – FY 2019	% Change FY 2019 – FY 2018
Business Ground Travel	mtCO ₂ e	11	4	3	-72.7%	-1%
Business Air Travel	Kg CO ₂ equivalent	127,152	100,351	90,173	-29.1%	-10.1%

The FMC currently leases 6 vehicles from GSA: four compact cars and two sub-compact cars. Three of the vehicles are hybrid electric and three have standard gasoline engines. To the extent possible, the FMC is continuing its commitment to transition all leased vehicles from gasoline to gasoline hybrid electric vehicles as their lease terms expire. Data for these vehicles is reported in the GSA's FAST Data Center.

Data from fiscal years 2018 and 2019, as shown in the table below, reveals a reduction in mileage and fuel consumption in these leased vehicles for FY 2019 by 11.5 percent, and 9.5 percent, respectively.

GSA-Leased Vehicles			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change FY 2019 – FY 2018
Number of Vehicles	6	6	0%
Miles Drive	11,027	9,878	-11.5%
Gasoline Consumed (in gallons)	481.8	436.22	-9.5%

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