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EPA's draft five-year strategic plan includes goals to address climate change, environmental justice

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EPA released (<https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>) its draft FY 2022-2026 strategic plan for comment on October 1. The draft plan features seven goals that serve as a roadmap for achieving the agency's mission to protect human health and the environment and communicating its priorities. At the top of the plan are two goals aligned with President Biden's agenda:

- Goal 1, Tackle the climate crisis, and
- Goal 2, Take decisive action to advance environmental justice and civil rights.

The remaining five goals have been reflected in agency strategic plans in years past: ensuring clean and safe water, enforcing environmental laws and ensuring compliance, ensuring clean and healthy air and ensuring the safety of chemicals for people and the environment, and safeguarding and revitalizing communities.

In a press release (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-draft-strategic-plan-address-climate-change-and-advance-environmental>), EPA stated that the foundation of the plan is a "renewed commitment to the three principles articulated by EPA's first Administrator, William Ruckelshaus – follow the science, follow the law, and be transparent, while adding a fourth principle: advance justice and equity." AMWA will work with the Sustainability Committee to develop comments to the agency by the November 12 deadline.

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