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improving the quality of the environment, and to foster markets for sustainable technologies, materials, products, and services, and encouraging the safe operation of vehicles by—

- (a) Reducing or preventing pollution;
- (b) Managing efficiently and reducing energy and water use in Government facilities;
- (c) Using renewable energy and renewable energy technologies;
- (d) Acquiring energy-efficient and water-efficient products and services, environmentally preferable (including EPEAT-registered, and non-toxic and less toxic) products, products containing recovered materials, non-ozone depleting products, and biobased products:
- (e) Requiring contractors to identify hazardous materials;
- (f) Encouraging contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving; and
- (g) Requiring contractors to comply with agency environmental management systems.

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## 23.001 Definitions.

As used in this part—

Environmental means environmental aspects of internal agency operations and activities, including those aspects related to energy and transportation functions.

Greenhouse gases means carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

Toxic chemical means a chemical or chemical category listed in 40 CFR 372.65.

United States, except as used in subpart 23.10, means—

- (1) The fifty States;
- (2) The District of Columbia;
- (3) The commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands;
- (4) The territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands; and
- (5) Associated territorial waters and airspace.

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### 23.002 Policy.

Executive Order 13423 sections 3(e) and (f) require that contracts for contractor operation of a Government-owned or -leased facility and contracts for support services at a Government-owned or -operated facility include provisions that obligate the contractor to comply with the requirements of the order to the same extent as the agency would be required to comply if the agency operated or supported the facility. Compliance includes developing programs to promote and implement cost-effective waste reduction.

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# Subpart 23.1—Sustainable Acquisition Policy

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## 23.101 Definition.

As used in this subpart—

Contract action means any oral or written action that results in the purchase, rent, or lease of supplies or equipment, services, or construction using appropriated dollars, including purchases below the micro-purchase threshold. Contract action does not include grants, cooperative agreements, other transactions, real property leases, requisitions from Federal stock, training authorizations, or other non-FAR based transactions.

## 23.102 Authorities.

- (a) Executive Order 13423 of January 24, 2007, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.
- (b) Executive Order 13514 of October 5, 2009, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.
- (c) All of the authorities specified in subparts 23.2, 23.4, 23.7, 23.8, 23.9, and 23.10.

# 23.103 Sustainable acquisitions.

(a) Federal agencies shall advance sustainable acquisition by ensuring that 95 percent of new contract actions for the supply of products and for the