

# ***US EPA And School IPM***

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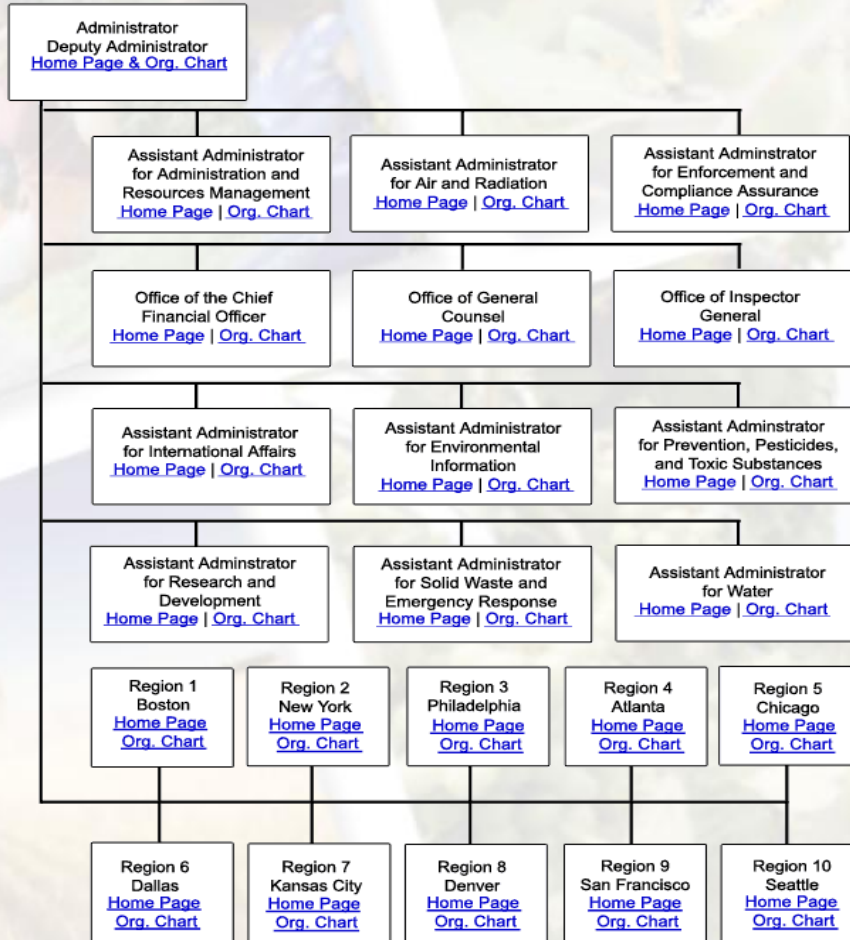
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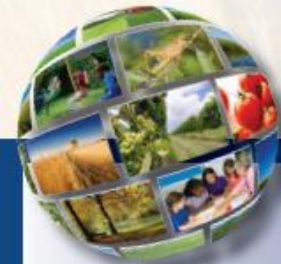


**ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP BRANCH**

# School IPM and the EPA Organization



- Over 17,000 employees
- 10 Regional Offices
- Over a dozen laboratories
- Staff are highly educated
  - Over 50 percent are scientist and engineers



# *EPA Priority: School IPM*

EPA's Mission is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.



# EPA Priority: School IPM

The National Pesticide Program Strategic Goal is to protect public health and the environment by ensuring pesticides and alternatives are safe and available for a healthy America.

- Being an effective gateway to the pesticide market
  - Focus on risk reduction, biopesticide adoption, food safety/trade and public health product efficacy and availability
- Being an effective steward of existing pesticides
  - Focus on a number of issues including: worker protection, enhancement of partnerships and collaborations within EPA and across Federal agencies; and
  - PROMOTE protection through education; leverage voluntary partnerships



# *EPA Priority: School IPM*

- EPA will continue to collaborate with the four USDA supported Regional IPM Centers and their respective workgroups
- EPA will continue to facilitate the adoption of IPM for schools and day care facilities
- EPA will promote and work to implement the National Pest Management Strategic Plan for Schools
- EPA will continue to promote IPM STAR, Monroe Model and other programs that result in verifiable, sustainable School IPM



# EPA's Future: School IPM Continues to be Priority

**BARACK OBAMA**

October 20, 2008

John Gage  
National President  
American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO  
801 J Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear President Gage,

I am writing to share my views with you regarding the importance of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an Obama Administration.

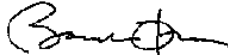
The mission of the EPA is to protect the environment of the nation. In recent years, however, the pursuit of this goal has slowed, and in some cases, has been jeopardized outright. This is due to the failed leadership of the past eight years, despite the strong and ongoing commitment of the career individuals throughout this agency. During this same period, inadequate funding for the EPA has resulted in the ineffective allocation of resources, thus weakening enforcement and oversight of many environmental laws and regulations that protect the American people.

That's why I am committed to pursuing greater funding for the EPA so that its responsibilities are carried out. Clean water, land and air, and ensuring the health and safety of our citizens, especially children, will be high priorities in an Obama Administration.

In addition, EPA was established to be the nation's leader in environmental science, research, and education - yet these are the three fields which have been damaged by politics and ideology. I strongly oppose attempts by the Bush Administration to thwart publication of EPA researchers' scientific findings, as well as the attempt to eliminate the agency's library system. In an Obama Administration, the principle of scientific integrity will be an absolute, and I will never sanction any attempt to subvert the work of scientists.

Thank you, John, for all you and AFGE's members do for America, and for the protection of our environment.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama



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## School IPM Success is Based On:

- PESP Grants
- PRIA Grants
- EPA Regional Grants (PESP and discretionary funds)
- Partnerships
  - US Army Child Development Centers
  - IPM Institute of N.A.

