

Title: Partnering with the EPA and other businesses to fight climate change

Lead-in: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes CH2M HILL among the nation's leading green power users as a member of the Green Power Partnership.

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As thousands take to the streets to demonstrate against climate change and businesses meet in New York City to make the case for bold climate action, we continue to walk our talk by committing to purchase green power for our operations. We have joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Green Power Partnership](#)^{*}, reinforcing our belief in renewable power's importance to the country's air quality, climate change impacts and energy security.

In 2013, we purchased over 11 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power, of which 8.5 million kWh were used for our U.S. operations. That's 17 percent of our overall electricity use globally and domestically. These purchases reduced our 2013 carbon footprint by 10,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (equivalent to 25 million miles in average passenger vehicles or powering 1,400 homes in electricity per year).

We'll continue to increase our green power purchases as part of [our commitment to reduce our overall 2017 carbon footprint](#) by 25 percent as compared to a 2012 baseline. Reducing our footprint is [important to many of our clients](#), and is a critical component of our company strategy to embed resource-efficient, high-performance, sustainable solutions to every aspect of project delivery.

"We're proud to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," said Elisa Speranza, Chief Communications Officer and executive sponsor for Sustainability. "Using green power helps our organization become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the U.S. that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision and an important choice in reducing climate risk."

Joining the Green Power Partnership, as well as responding to client requests for transparency in our carbon emissions, is made possible by our in-house carbon emissions inventory team under the expert guidance of Doug Huxley/DEN. With day-to-day management by Carolyn Meisner/MKE and Erin Laude/MKE, the team collects data from our Facilities and Operations group, as well as designated leads from each of our market and service areas, to fully inventory the footprint of our own operations and projects for which we have operational control.

"Our outstanding carbon emissions team is led by the same technical experts that deliver these services to clients, and is staffed by some of our most promising young and mid-level professionals," said Brandy Wilson, Enterprise Sustainability program manager. "Our carbon inventory was just successfully verified by a third party and is a shining example of our team's capabilities. Doing our own inventory gives our people a deeper understanding of the challenges our clients face. It's thrilling for our team to take the same journey with our clients, and an honor for me to witness their game-changing progress."

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*The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with electricity use. The partnership has more than 1,300 partner organizations voluntarily using billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually.

