



President Biden Signs Executive Order on Catalyzing America's Clean Energy Economy through Federal Sustainability

On December 8, 2021, President Biden signed an [Executive Order 14057](#) referred to as the “Federal Sustainability Plan” that establishes goals (see image above) to achieve the overall objective of reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 50% to 52% from 2005 levels by 2030 and limiting global warming to 1.5°C. The Office of Federal Chief Sustainability Officer (part of the White House Council of Environmental Quality) is leading the charge and issued the Federal Sustainability Plan (available [here](#)), which details the goals. On the same website (click [here](#)), downloadable, interactive graphs show specific government-wide progress, and an interactive map shows examples of some of the actions taken to date.



Dive In! 24-Hour “Sustainathon 2021” Available on YouTube

You’ve heard of read-a-thons, dance-a-thons, and swim-a-thons, but RemTech Europe kicked it up a notch with its Sustainathon 2021. The 24-hour marathon featured over 50 presenters from around the world discussing how their countries are linking sustainable remediation and sustainable water use to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 11 and 6, respectively. SURFer Barbara Maco participated in the event, which featured 24 one-hour time slots with two to three speakers. Presenters from the public sector and government-provided an information-packed, thought-provoking conference – timed to precision like a flash mob! Sustainathon 2021 was recorded; click [here](#) to access Part 1 and [here](#) for Part 2.



We’ve Got Your Back: Benefits of SURF Membership and Sponsorship

It’s January, which means you may be coming up with new goals or experiences to challenge yourself in 2022. Or, maybe you’re just trying to figure out how to survive winter in our “new reality.” Either way, SURF can help. For those individuals who are eager for something new, SURF’s technical initiatives (TIs) provide members with an opportunity to see their ideas come to fruition. For folks looking for a solution to pandemic fatigue, join SURF’s revived academic or government outreach committees to connect with peers and get out of your rut. Bargain hunters need only to review the benefits of an annual SURF sponsorship (see table). The generous support of our sponsors is vital to SURF promoting and expanding our activities to advance the practice of sustainable resilient remediation. SURF memberships run from 2/1 to 1/31 annually, so join or renew now by clicking [here](#). If you’re interested in getting involved in a committee or an initiative, click [here](#). Finally, if your company wants to get involved or you would like to learn more about sponsorships, contact SURF’s Treasurer at treasurer@sustainableremediation.org.

Benefit	Sponsorship Level and Annual Cost		
	Gold (\$5,000/yr)	Silver (\$3,000/yr)	Bronze (\$2,000/yr)
Number of Complimentary Individual SURF Memberships	8	4	2
Number of Complimentary Registrations to 2022 AEHS West Coast Conference*	4	2	1
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* Available to SURF members only

Upcoming Events

2022 SURF Board of Trustees Election

Open Positions (3): Treasurer and two At-Large Trustees

Voting Period: 1/24/2022 - 2/13/2022

To vote, click [here](#).

SURFers: Find information about SURF events via the Member Portal (click [here](#) and sign in). Can't access? Click [here](#) to e-mail Stacey Hellekson, SURF Secretary.

Membership Renewal Time!

SURFers, it's time to renew your membership! Click the "Join SURF Today" button below to renew now.