

Environmental Program Categories

PROGRAM CATEGORY	PROGRAM CATEGORY DESCRIPTION
AIR PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate or monitor air emissions from area, stationary, and mobile sources, as required by the Clean Air Act.
ANIMAL OPERATIONS	Environmental programs related to animal operations (e.g., Livestock Waste Control).
ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that provide assistance to the regulated community and the general public (e.g., environmental grants, outreach activities) or activities that provide support across environmental programs (i.e., laboratories analyzing environmental samples).
CHEMICAL RELEASE PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate or monitor chemicals released to the environment (e.g., Toxics Release Inventory, Release Assessments).
CHEMICAL STORAGE PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate or monitor the storage of chemicals (e.g., Risk Management Program, Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III Program).
COASTAL AND OCEAN PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that improve the quality of coastal and marine ecosystems and protect beaches, coast, and ocean resources from pollution.
DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that protect the quality of drinking water in the United States, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.
ECOLOGY PROGRAMS	Programs that concentrate on ecological systems such as forest and tree expertise.
GROUND WATER PROGRAMS	Environmental programs designed to protect ground water (e.g., underground injection control (UIC), Mineral Exploration).
HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate hazardous waste, including the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste, as required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).
LEGAL/ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES	Legal or enforcement activities in support of other environmental programs.

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PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS	Performance incentive programs encourage businesses to implement better environmental practices. The EPA rewards participating businesses by recognizing and publicizing their achievements, managing the exchange of information and ideas, and streamlining the compliance process.
PESTICIDE PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that monitor businesses, government agencies and individuals that handle, store, sell and/or apply pesticides.
RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAMS	Environmental programs designed to protect people and the environment from harmful exposure to radiation.
REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS	Environmental programs aimed at cleaning up and/or redeveloping uncontrolled or abandoned places where hazardous waste may be located, possibly affecting local ecosystems or people.
SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate solid wastes (e.g., Compost Sites, Landfills, Transfer Stations).
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAMS	Environmental programs designed to reduce the chance of releases from underground storage tanks (USTs), detect leaks and spills when they do occur, and secure prompt cleanup.
WASTE WATER PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that regulate discharges of pollutants to waters of the United States, as required by the Clean Water Act.
WATER RESOURCES PROGRAMS	Environmental programs that manage water resources to meet the needs of the natural environment and human communities, including watershed management, stream flows, water rights, well drilling, use of water supplies, and dam safety.