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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Development of the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

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**TO:** General Counsel  
Assistant Administrators  
Inspector General  
Associate Administrators  
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This memorandum initiates the development of the two-year FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances. The National Program Guidances provide operational priorities and strategies to protect human health and the environment, consistent with priorities in the President's Budget and EPA's Strategic Plan. The FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances are the first issued under the *FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.

New this year, Regional Administrators will lead early engagement with state, tribal, and territory environmental leaders to enhance cooperative federalism. Specifically, these discussions will focus on:

- Identifying how EPA and states, tribes, and territories will work together to advance the *FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.
- Reinforcing flexibilities of the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) to achieve environmental and health priorities of individual states, tribes, and territories.

National Program Offices will use the results of the RAs' early engagement efforts to inform development of their Guidances. In addition, National Program Offices will consider results from their ongoing discussions with state and media-specific associations, the National Tribal Caucus, tribal partnership groups, and other relevant organizations.

This is also the time to develop FY 2020 National Program Guidance measures. Programs and regions should review FY 2019 National Program Guidance measures as the starting point for engaging with states, tribes, and territories to identify FY 2020 measures that help us assess progress towards planned results in protecting human health and the environment. Beginning in FY 2019, National Program Offices and regions will include National Program Guidance measures in their monthly bowling chart reports, rounding out the suite of mission measures.

[OCFO's Technical Guidance](#) further describes roles and responsibilities, and provides instructions, milestones, and templates for guidance development. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact me or Kathy O'Brien at 202-564-1167, or your staff may contact Joseph Greenblott at 202-564-4250.

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