

Regional Administrator's 2016 Plan Accomplishments - Region 6

Administrator's Priorities

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Addressing Climate Change

Promote innovative energy projects to meet the nation's energy needs:

- Conduct outreach and educational efforts on the final CAA 111(d) rule for existing power plants
✓ Completed
- Receive approval extension requests for CPP from all States
✓ US Supreme Court Stay of CPP pending judicial review
- Promote Federal Green Challenge; provide technical assistance to current participants to retain 80%
✓ Exceeded. Retained 38 participants in Federal Green Challenge
- Recruit/retain 44 partners in Sustainable Material Challenges, Federal Green Challenge and Food Recovery Challenge
✓ Exceeded. Recruited and retained 113 partners/participants
- Provide 2 training events on water utilities climate resilience
✓ Completed
- Conduct 2 energy management webinars and 1 workshop for water and wastewater utilities
✓ Completed
- Conduct 2 sessions on sustainable practices funding opportunities
✓ Completed
- Recruit 6 WaterSense partners
✓ Exceeded. 13 new WaterSense partners were recruited
- Provide 2 training/discussion opportunities on carbon footprint reduction to disadvantaged communities at OK EJ Workshop and All States Summit
✓ Completed
- Complete AR and OK EJ State Plans
✓ Completed
- Award 4 EJ Small Grants that include community climate resiliency
✓ Completed

Improving Air Quality

Ensure clean air for communities:

- Issue grants for emission control technologies that reduce diesel engine related emissions
✓ Completed
- Complete 3 technical system audits and 6 network assessment review for ambient air quality organizations
✓ Exceeded. Completed 4 technical system audits/6 plan reviews



Looking back

"The outstanding work and dedication of our entire regional team achieved the challenging goals we set for this year. Your work is making a positive difference in the communities we serve. It has been a privilege to be part of the team and I wish you all continued success."

- Ron Curry

- Finalize AR Regional Haze Plan
✓ Completed
- Complete designations under the SO2 standard for 20 largest emission locations
✓ Completed
- Review/Comment on Camp Minden Comprehensive Test Plan; test burn and stack test results
✓ Completed
- Educate 300 children, parents, elderly and caregivers on indoor environmental risks
✓ Exceeded. 2,425 children, elderly and caregivers were educated
- Train 50 health care professionals on indoor environmental risks
✓ Exceeded. 318 care professionals were trained
- Hold discussions on regulatory and non-regulatory actions that reduce air pollution in vulnerable communities at OK EJ Training
✓ Completed
- Conduct 10 CAA compliance facilities evaluations in noncompliance
✓ Exceeded. 22 compliance evaluations conducted
- Initiate 5 CAA enforcement actions at facilities in noncompliance
✓ Exceeded. 13 actions issued
- Conduct 20 compliance evaluations at oil and gas facilities
✓ Exceeded. 91 compliance evaluations conducted

Making a Visible Difference in Communities Across the Country

Where EPA's Mission has an impact:

- Work with TCEQ and City of Frisco on Exide facility cleanup
✓ On-going
- Assist with WIPP inspection, report completion and Biennial Compliance Report issuance
✓ Completed
- Oversee NMEDs actions with WIPP, LANL and TCEQs Waste Control Specialists actions
✓ On-going
- Issue 2 RfR determinations to promote land reuse with States
✓ Completed
- Ensure Plains Terminals complete site-wide cleanup
✓ Completed



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- Conduct 3 projects with 2 MVD community local government officials
✓ On-going
- Support White House Council for Strong City Strong Communities activities; Promise Zone work in communities linked to Urban Waters locations
✓ Completed
- Support Urban Waters project work plans and partnerships
✓ Completed
- Work with Nueces County to accept planning and design supported with Texas Water Development Board subsidy
✓ Completed
- Facilitate discussions with federal and local agencies to reduce or resolve issues in communities
✓ Completed
- Conduct 85 Brownfield property assessments
✓ Exceeded. 108 assessments were conducted
- Cleanup 5 Brownfield properties
✓ Exceeded. Completed 10 cleanups
- Complete 28 Superfund-lead and PRP lead removal actions/responses
✓ Completed 20 removal actions/responses
- Conduct 60 Superfund site assessments
✓ Completed
- Reach settlement or take enforcement action before the start of remedial action at 95% of Superfund sites with viable PRPs
✓ Exceeded with 100% of Superfund sites
- Hold 20 community meetings at Superfund sites
✓ Exceeded. Held 25 community meetings
- Complete 6 Superfund Remedial Action projects
✓ Exceeded. Completed 8 projects

Taking Action on Toxics and Chemical Safety

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits:

- Reissue 17 state permits to ensure proper management of hazardous waste
✓ Completed
- Control human exposure to toxins in 12 priority RCRA facilities
✓ Completed
- Complete construction of final remedies at 17 RCRA facilities
✓ Exceeded. 19 RCRA facilities were completed
- Complete 6 PCB evaluations on permits and cleanup plans
✓ Exceeded. 14 PCB evaluations were completed
- Hold P2 Roundtable pollution prevention approaches meeting in OK
✓ Completed
- Facilitate discussions with federal and local agencies to reduce issues at the gypsum waste area at the Pueblo of Zia
✓ Completed

- Issue 10 CAFOs requiring worker training and contingency plans at hazardous waste generators
✓ Exceeded. 32 CAFOs issued
- Partner with DHS and DOL to conduct 32 Local Emergency Planning committee workshops
✓ Completed

Protecting children where they live, learn and play:

- Coordinate ambient air quality monitoring for chloroprene in La Place, LA
✓ On-going
- Promote IPM programs to decrease children's exposure in schools
✓ Completed
- Partner with UT Public Health and TX Dept of State Health to train public health and health care professionals in TX
✓ Completed
- Promote lead safe work practices; use of trained professionals in RRP
✓ Completed
- Conduct inspections at 5 child occupied facilities for Lead-based paint RRP
✓ Exceeded. 10 inspections conducted
- Conduct soil kitchen testing event in Austin, TX
✓ Completed
- Conduct or participate in 8 exercises to improve emergency preparedness
✓ Exceeded. Conducted/participated in 17 exercises

Protecting Water: A Precious, Limited Resource

Ensure safe drinking water for communities:

- Ensure drinking water standards for 90% of the regional population
✓ Completed
- Provide technical assistance to 5 tribal drinking water systems to improve compliance with SDWA standards
✓ Completed
- Assess EPA disposal well permits on OK tribal lands for induced seismicity concerns
✓ Completed
- Provide tools and support to OK to address seismicity trends
✓ Completed
- Finalize EPA policy document on aquifer exemptions
✓ Completed
- Partner with 5 WaterSense partners for Fix a Leak week activities
✓ Exceeded. Collaborated with 7 WaterSense partners



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- Assist TWDB with large DWSRF ULOs to ensure funds are loaned to communities in need of new and/or refurbished systems
✓ Completed
- Address priority tribal Public Water Systems using Enforcement Targeting Tool
✓ Completed
- Support Kirtland AFB Bulk Fuel Facility Spill Modeling Workgroup; assist with monitoring, extraction and injection wells.
✓ On-going
- Assist NMED with work plans and technical documents review of remediation of the fuel spill
✓ Completed
- Work with State partners to address/resolve 450 significantly noncompliant public water systems
✓ Exceeded. 585 noncompliant public water systems addressed
- Work with state and federal funding agencies on drinking water requirements at public water supplies
✓ Completed
- Achieve groundwater migration under control at 4 Superfund sites
✓ Completed

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters:

- Partner with agencies and communities to collect unused pharmaceuticals
✓ Completed
- Lead 1 Earth Day activity to promote water quality
✓ Completed
- Maintain NPDES permit currency rate of 90%
✓ Exceeded. Maintained 97% NPDES permit currency rate
- Hold stakeholder meeting on reissuance of Offshore, Texas Territorial/Coastal Oil and Gas General permits expiring in FY17
✓ Exceeded. Held 2 stakeholder meetings.
- Review/comment on 5 State CWA 303(d) lists of impaired waters
✓ On-going. Review/comments provided on 3 state lists, 2 state lists pending
- Work with states to curb sources of nonpoint pollution; develop 5 new watershed plans; host RTAG on nutrient targets
✓ Exceeded. Developed 20 plans, hosted RTAG meeting
- Work with states to document 3 success stories of nonpoint source impaired waters
✓ Exceeded. Achieved 21 nonpoint source restorations
- Partner with coastal consortiums to restore coastal wetlands and habitats
✓ Exceeded. 11,094 acres restored, participated in TIGs, nominated 20 projects; 1 completed project and 1 marsh constructed

- Negotiate Intra-Agency Partnership Agreement for compliance for large water supply projects
✓ Completed
- Partner with federal/water agencies on 10,000 acre reservoir review
✓ Completed. Revised EIS due in 2017
- Assist NM in monitoring the San Juan and Animas River watersheds to assess impacts from historic mining activities
✓ On-going
- Conduct 80% of CAFO inspections in impaired watersheds and water bodies or citizen complaints
✓ Completed
- Conduct 60% of NPDES inspections in impaired watersheds or sensitive water bodies
✓ Completed
- Conduct 100 SPCC and 30 FRP inspections and response exercises at OPA regulated facilities
✓ Exceeded. Conducted 164 SPCC inspections, 37 FRP inspections and 5 FRP exercises
- Respond to oil spills impacting Waters of the US that meet regional response criteria
✓ Completed

Working Toward A Sustainable Future, Environmental Justice and Environmentalism

Partner with vulnerable communities to address concerns related to environmental justice priorities:

- Address human health concerns in Alexandria/Pineville LA community
✓ Completed
- Improve Indian Country drinking water compliance through training
✓ Completed. Improved drinking water compliance from 83% to 86%
- Recruit 2 new partners that encourage environmental education/outreach
✓ Completed
- Collaborate with federal, state and local partners to address water issues in underserved communities
✓ Completed
- Conduct conference calls for leaders from vulnerable communities on EJ issues
✓ Completed
- Conduct quarterly conference calls to discuss broad EJ priorities
✓ Completed
- Update AR, TX, NM and LA EJ state plans
✓ Completed
- Issue 5 CAA enforcement actions at facilities impacting communities
✓ Completed



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- Review draft NEPA documents for impacts to EJ/tribal communities
✓ Completed

Improving the environment along the US-Mexico Border

- Participate in Joint Air Coordinating binational committee meetings
✓ Completed
- Co-report on US-Mexico Border air quality trends for ozone and particulate matter for State of the Environment Report
✓ Completed
- Partner with TX to develop/host decentralized septic system best management practices workshop for along US-Mexico border
✓ On-going
- Assist the Lower Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Watershed Initiative with a planned model project workshop
✓ Completed
- Provide 500 additional homes with safe drinking water
✓ Exceeded. Provided 3,700 homes with safe drinking water
- Provide 40,000 additional homes with adequate wastewater sanitation
✓ Exceeded. Provided 45,000 homes with wastewater sanitation
- Secure local, state/federal funding for drinking water/wastewater service connections to 1 US-Mexico Border community
✓ Exceeded. Provided service to 3 communities
- Generate PROAIRE SIP for the State of Chihuahua's shared air basins with NM and TX
✓ Completed
- Increase efforts on binational water quality planning through stakeholder collaboration
✓ Completed
- Dispose of 1M used tires through a business partnership
✓ Completed
- Continue work with Anthony, NM on EPA's Building Blocks workshop
✓ Completed
- Train and equip US and Mexican responders to address hazmat incidences along the border communities
✓ Completed

Launching a New Era of State, Tribal and Local Partnerships

Addressing State Priorities:

- Review new TCEQ ambient air quality monitor locations near SO2 sources greater than 2,000 tons per year
✓ Completed
- Address 40 SIP revisions reducing SIP backlog negotiated with States
✓ Exceeded. 51 SIP revisions were addressed
- Partner with States developing/implementing a hazardous waste program 3-year training plan
✓ Completed
- Hold Lead Paint meeting with State and Tribal partners
✓ Completed

- Hold Pesticides Program meeting with State and Tribal partners
✓ Completed
- Meet with state UST/LUST program managers to increase compliance, prevention, cleanup, address new releases and ensure financial assurance
✓ Completed
- Host 1 NPDES Permit State Managers meeting
✓ Completed
- Co-sponsor 1 regional MS4 conference for states and municipalities
✓ Completed
- Participate in 1 pretreatment workshop for states and municipalities
✓ Completed
- Conduct 1 on-site Permit Quality Review of a state NPDES program
✓ Completed
- Hold 1 Whole Effluent Toxicity training for state staff
✓ Completed
- Work to award all CWA and SDWA funds to ensure clean/safe water
✓ Completed
- Evaluate 1 tribal TAS application for CWA 106 grants
✓ Exceeded. Approved 2 TAS applications
- Achieve 90% CWSRF and 83% DWSRF Funds Utilization Rate; accomplish 460 DW Systems Initiations of Operations
✓ Exceeded. Achieved 91% CWSRF and 85% DWSRF
- Oversee grants awarded to US-Mexico Border related entities
✓ Completed
- Award GAP grants to federally recognized tribes
✓ Completed
- Award EJ grants to organizations that reduce impacts to communities
✓ Completed
- Conduct a State Review Framework with LDEQ
✓ Completed
- Initiate a State Review Framework with TCEQ
✓ Completed
- Hold 2 Superfund Regional Team meetings with State and Tribal partners
✓ Completed

Safeguarding our Trust responsibilities:

- Hold Radon Stakeholders meeting
✓ Completed
- Conduct 40 UST regulatory inspections at tribal UST facilities
✓ Exceeded. 44 inspections were conducted
- Offer Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation for tribes affected by NPDES permitting actions
✓ Completed
- Assist 1 tribal partner to measure quality of their waters, establish authorities and set standards/targets for waters in Indian Country
✓ Completed
- Assist tribes develop E-Enterprise tool to manage water information
✓ Completed



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- Complete 17 EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans
✓ Completed
- Facilitate 3 RTOC meetings
✓ Completed
- Conduct Superfund Risk Assessment Training at RTOC meeting
✓ Completed

Embracing EPA as a High Performing Organization

Developing our People:

- Measure Lean results, implement projects from other successes and work with States on process improvement
✓ On-going
- Assist ORD with deploying a community bench monitor in Houston
✓ Completed
- Promote cross-program opportunities by assignments/reassignments
✓ Completed
- Promote climate change adaption through on-line training and tools
✓ Completed
- Lean 3 processes within Water Quality Division
✓ On-going
- Co-host CWA dredge and fill permitting with federal partners
✓ Completed
- Host SRF training for Headquarters/regional EPA financial analysts
✓ Completed
- Host training seminar to improve partnering with communities
✓ Completed
- Conduct Annual Civil/Criminal Enforcement Training
✓ Completed
- Conduct on-board training for 20 new hires in CAED
✓ Completed
- Provide training to HQ and other regions on RCRA Data Mining
✓ Completed
- Provide Inspector Training to States
✓ Completed
- Provide 6 Employee Assistance Program trainings
✓ Exceeded. Provided 14 trainings
- Provide 3 Job Swap Brown Bags
✓ Completed
- Provide 1 Individual Development Plan Brown Bag Session for new employees
✓ Completed
- Provide 8 Division Onboarding presentations for new employees
✓ Exceeded. Provided presentations for 32 new hires
- Conduct mentoring speed dating; update mentoring roster
✓ Completed

Ensure integrity of our financial management:

- Award and manage grants and cooperative agreements
✓ Completed
- Perform 20 advanced reviews of federal financial assistance agreements
✓ Completed
- Monitor and evaluate water grant recipients to ensure financial integrity
✓ Completed
- Conduct programmatic advanced monitoring reviews on OEJTIA grants
✓ Completed
- Ensure financial activities comply with FMFIA and internal controls
✓ Completed
- Review 100% of required recorded ULOs; de-obligate unneeded funds
✓ Completed

Advancing the role of science, research, and technological innovation:

- Evaluate use of low-cost sensors by community participants for collection of fine particulate emissions in urban areas with Region 4
✓ Completed evaluation. Planned installation sensors in 2017
- Provide support to fill information gaps on EPAs Hydrofracking report
✓ Completed
- Develop expanded capability to analyze for semi-volatile compounds at low part per trillion detection limits using new GC/MS/MS technology
✓ Completed
- Complete ASTM Method for anion analysis in high dissolved solids matrices and initiate multi-laboratory validation study
✓ Completed
- Initiate green chemistry study of the analysis of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in surface waters
✓ Completed

Questions?

**Please talk with your supervisor about
our goals**



Workforce Diversity, **E**nvironmental Stewardship, **C**haracter, **A**ccountability, **R**espect, **E**xcellence

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