

Data Quality Record for Strategic Measures

Strategic Measure Text: By September 30, 2022, reach all permitting-related decisions within six months

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 3: Rule of Law and Process/Objective 3.4 Streamline and Modernize

NPM Lead: Office of Policy (OP); Contributing Offices: OAR, OW, OLEM

1a. Purpose of Strategic Measure:

This measure will inform on EPA's commitment to provide consistency and certainty to the regulated community in executing its responsibilities. EPA will complete Agency permit decisions within a six-month timeframe. A positive trend, defined as decreasing cycle time to make permitting-related decisions while maintaining or improving application review quality, will provide more certainty to all permit applicants.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

For a complete list of permits, see the addendum. All permits are authorized under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. For the purposes of this performance measure, permitting-related decisions are based on (1) for individual permits any permittee's "application" for a permit decision to be made by EPA including new permits, renewals, modifications, and (2) under general permits any "Notices of Intent" from permittees which requires an EPA decision. Lead time for a permitting-related decision is measured from the date a permitting decision request is received to the date an issuance or denial action has occurred. A pending permitting-related decision is a decision to approve or disapprove that has not been made.

1c. Unit of Measure: Days

2a. Data Sources:

- Relevant information system: To be assessed/determined by the end of FY 2018
- Entity that reports data to the system: To be assessed/determined by the end of FY 2018
- Frequency of reporting primary data: Monthly
- Provide reference to Quality Assurance Project Plan: To be evaluated after an assessment/determination of existing/planned information systems is completed

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:

- See addendum for data collected monthly
- Reporting results will be provided in two years

3. Methodology:

Permitting-related decision requests are based on an "application" for a permit decision to be made by EPA including new permits, renewals, and modifications. Lead time for a permitting-related decision is measured from the date a permitting decision request is received to the date an issuance or denial action has occurred. EPA's long-term goal is for all permitting-related decisions to have a lead time of six months or less (i.e., 180 days or less).

Starting in May 2018, permitting decisions that exceed six months (180 days) will be measured on a monthly basis. In May, EPA will begin tracking the status of permit applications received by the agency six months prior. These data will be used to calculate EPA's progress and trend in reducing the number of permitting-related decisions that exceed six months. The target is by September 30, 2019, EPA will reduce by 50% the number of permitting-related decisions that exceed six months.

4. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

Assumptions

- Each month there will be data tracked on each type of permit

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- Any data entry errors will be corrected in subsequent months
- Data collectors will be given a clear understanding of methodology above
- Once a more robust data set has been established, a baseline and tracking for cycle time reduction will be established.

Possible sources of error

- Data collectors
- Information systems

What is not being measured

- We are not yet measuring the quality or enforceability of a permit decision; we are focused on measuring timeliness and work-in-progress.

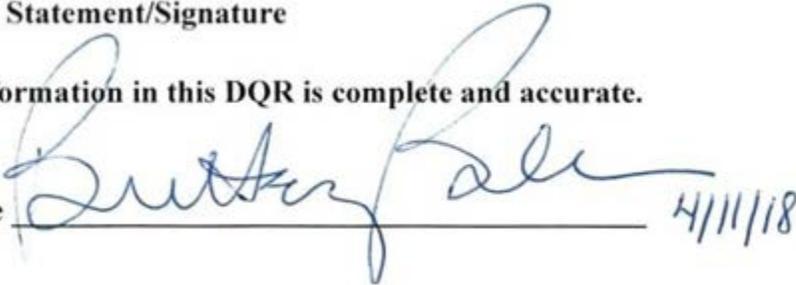
5. Technical Contact:

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6. Certification Statement/Signature

I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.

DAA Signature

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Addendum:

Permits Being Tracked; Data Collected on Monthly Basis

New Individual Permitting-related Decisions				
Permit Type	Number of Decisions issued in 180 days or less	Number of Decisions issued in 181 days or more	Number of Pending for 180 Days or Less	Number of Pending for 181 Days or More
NPDES				
PCB Storage Approval				
UIC Class II				
NSR Minor Source on Tribal Lands				
UIC Class I Non-Hazardous				
UIC Class III				
UIC Class V				
Title V Major				
NNSR Major Source on Tribal Lands				
PCB Decontamination Approval				
PCB Disposal Approval				
PSD Major Source				
RCRA Hazardous Waste (interim status)				
RCRA Hazardous Waste (new)				
UIC Class I Hazardous				
Outer Continental Shelf Air Permits				
UIC Class VI				

General Permits: NOIs Pending				
Permit Type	Number of Decisions issued in 180 days or less	Number of Decisions issued in 181 days or more	Number of Pending for 180 Days or Less	Number of Pending for 181 Days or More
NSR Minor General Permit on Tribal Lands				
EPA Issued General NPDES Permits				

Individual Permits: Renewed, Reissued or Modified by EPA – Monthly Data					
Permit Type	Number of Decisions issued in 180 days or less	Number of Decisions issued in 181 days or more	Number of Pending for 180 Days or Less	Number of Pending for 181 Days or More	Type of Request
PCB Disposal Approval					Modification
UIC Class I Non-Hazardous					Major Modification
PCB Storage Approval					Modification
UIC Class III					Major Modification
NPDES					Modification
RCRA Hazardous Waste					Modification
UIC Class II					Major Modification
Title V Significant Modifications					Modification
NSR Minor Source on Tribal Lands					Modification
PCB Storage Approval					Renewal/Reissue
PSD Major Source					Modification
Title V Major Operating Permits					Renewal/Reissue
PCB Disposal Approval					Renewal/Reissue
UIC Class V					Renewal/Reissue
UIC Class I Non-Hazardous					Renewal/Reissue
NPDES					Renewal/Reissue
RCRA Hazardous Waste					Renewal/Reissue
PCB Decontamination Approval					Renewal/Reissue
UIC Class II					Renewal/Reissue
UIC Class III					Renewal/Reissue
NNSR Major Source on Tribal Lands					Modification
Title V Minor Modification					Modification
Administrative Amendments					Modification
PCB Decontamination Approval					Modification
UIC Class I Hazardous					Major Modification
UIC Class I Hazardous					Renewal/Reissue
UIC Class V					Major Modification
UIC Class VI					Major Modification
UIC Class VI					Renewal/Reissue
Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit					Renewal/Reissue
Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit					Modification