

EPA Open Government Progress Report: FY2011 – 2nd Quarter



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Current Challenges

- Challenge.gov encourages the public and US Government to bring the best ideas and talent to bear on pressing issues facing our nation
- EPA posted a new challenge this quarter, bringing our total challenges to 7
 - Rachel Carson "Sense of Wonder" Contest

Transparency, Participation and Collaboration Actions/Opportunities:

- Over the past quarter EPA offered many ways for the public to get informed and involved including:
 - Published RadNet Map Interface for Near-Real-Time Radiation Monitoring Data Tool
 - Hosted two Solid Waste and Emergency Response Video Town Hall discussions
 - Held forum to address threats to Delaware Basin water supplies: Connecting Four States for Drinking Water Protection
 - Encouraged Americans to save water during "Fix a Leak Week"
 - Joined with other agencies to focus on reducing the public's radon exposure – Radon Conference Held March 9 in Columbia, Mo
 - Updated database on Health and Environmental Impacts of Electricity Generation
 - Revamped process within the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) to make the review of EPA's chemical assessments more transparent
 - Began to update the third edition of a comprehensive report on trends in children's health - America's Children and the Environment (ACE3)
 - Contacted a few agencies to gauge level of interest in their use of the Nature Serve Species Contract
 - Posted 6 transcripts from Administrator Jackson
 - Posted 10 testimonies from Congressional Hearings
- Please visit our open site (<http://www.epa.gov/open/>) for upcoming events

Executive Oversight

Institutionalizing Open Government within the Agency:

- The Quality and Information Council (QIC) approved the Strategic Data Action Plan (SDAP) V1.0

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Strategic Data Action Plan (SDAP)

Developed a Plan for Greater Accessibility to EPA's Data and Information:

- The Strategic Data Action Plan (SDAP) is designed to standardize and streamline the process of prioritizing and publishing high-value information for public consumption
- This quarter EPA developed and published the [SDAP V 1.0](#), with a schedule of implementation activities

Community Engagement Flagship Initiative

Approach

- Highlights of our Flagship efforts, in varying stages of progress, are provided below or via links
- To support sharing lessons learned, we captured benefits and other qualitative information for a number of the Flagship efforts below

Flagship Theme: Expanding the Environmental Conversation with Communities:

- [Urban Waters \(Ongoing\)](#)
- [Improve Communication of Sampling and Testing Results \(Ongoing\)](#)
- [Improve Delivery of Information to Communities \(Ongoing\)](#)
- [Faces of the Grassroots \(Completed\)](#)

Flagship Theme: Expanding Public Awareness & Involvement in Developing Rules and Regulations:

- [Chesapeake Bay TMDL Webinar Series \(Completed\)](#)
- [NPDES Pre-proposal Involvement \(Completed\)](#)
- [Rulemaking Gateway \(Ongoing\)](#)

Flagship Theme: EPA Mobile Apps to Empower Citizen's Environmental Decisions:

- No changes this quarter

Website Redesign

Search Function and Microsite Update:

- Improved metadata quality to enhance information access (we tagged 10,000+ documents, including the 500 most popular PDFs)
- Launched new microsites focused on a specific topic or audience including:
 - New Bedford Harbor: www.epa.gov/nbh/
 - Planning, Budget and Results: <http://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/>
 - Urban Waters: <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/>
- Established a ["Laws & Regulations" channel \(tab\)](#) which provides streamlined access to EPA's legal and regulatory documents

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EPA Data News

Bringing More Data to the Public this Quarter:

- Continued to increase EPA's information available on Data.gov (now over 1850 datasets/tools/geodata)
 - Added 4 new tools, focusing primarily on providing enforcement/legal information:
 - RadNet Map Interface for Near-Real-Time Radiation Monitoring Data
 - Unit Cost Compendium Calculations
 - Consolidated Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN) for the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG)
 - Selected Regional Judicial Officer Cases, 2005-Present
 - Added 6 new geodata sets
 - EPA Recovery Mapper
 - Water Quality Assessment Information
 - Nutrient, Sediment, and Pathogens Water Impairments
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitted Facilities
 - Pollutant Discharge Permit Status
 - Water Infrastructure Needs
- To find these and other EPA data, visit our updated Data.gov Inventory at <http://www.epa.gov/open/data-gov-inventory2011Q2.xls> (need to update link)

OpenGov Performance and Measures

Update:

- EPA continues to take an iterative approach in developing performance, measures and metrics to track the effectiveness of actions taken to support the Agency's strategic goals through use of OpenGov principles
- Visit the Flagship section and links to view qualitative performance information
- Developed [lessons learned for pre-regulatory activities](#)