

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, include commitments to address disproportionate impacts in all written agreements between EPA and Tribes and states (e.g., grant work plans) implementing delegated authorities.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Percentage of new grant workplans submitted by states that include commitments to address disproportionate impacts.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.1

NPM Lead: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

As EPA advances the integration of environmental justice and compliance with civil rights throughout all the Agency's policies, programs, and actions, there is a need to similarly look across the rest of the environmental regulatory endeavor of the United States to make progress advancing the transparency and accountability of environmental justice and civil rights throughout. To begin this work in earnest, EPA will look at formal agreements that EPA initiates to delegate our authorities to Tribes and states and ensure that they include commitments to identify and address one of the core components of environmental justice — disproportionate impacts.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Written agreements: For this long-term performance goal (LTPG), new state performance partnership agreement (PPA) or performance partnership grant (PPG) work plans are the starting point for this effort.

Disproportionate impacts: The working definition of disproportionate impacts at EPA for this purpose is:

A disproportionately impacted community is overburdened by negative environmental conditions in comparison to other communities, taking into account levels of vulnerability. Disproportionality encompasses a wide range of stressors related to the conditions faced by communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns. It includes recognition of the multiple environmental, psycho-social, economic, and other stressors that cumulatively impact the community. These multiple and cumulative stressors are often an essential component of disproportionate impacts.

Commitments to address disproportionate impacts: For this LTPG, this relates to workplan elements intended to directly or indirectly affect the amount of burden carried by communities overburdened by negative environmental conditions in comparison to other communities, taking into account levels of vulnerability. Examples of commitments include, but are not limited to: using tools to analyze for disproportionate impacts, facilitating meaningful community involvement, providing capacity-building resources to communities with disproportionate impacts, updating policies or programmatic procedures to address disproportionate impacts, implementing evaluation measures for reducing disproportionate impacts, and considering environmental justice in decisions such as enforcement, permitting, and remediation as appropriate.

1c. Unit of Measure:

The percentage of new state performance partnership agreement (PPA) or performance partnership grant (PPG) work plans that include commitments to address disproportionate impacts.

2a. Data Source:

Project Officers for state PPAs or PPGs will report data into an OEJECR-owned database.

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

FY 2024 will be used to gather a baseline on this measure. From this baseline, annual targets are to be determined each fiscal year.

3. Calculation Methodology:

The number of new state PPA or PPG work plans that meet the criteria for commitments that address disproportionate impacts divided by the total number of PPA or PPG work plans in the defined population (universe).

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls

Project Officers will review new state PPA or PPG work plans for inclusion of commitments to address disproportionate impacts per defined criteria. OEJECR will review a sample of workplans that have been identified as meeting criteria for QA/QC. In addition, OEJECR will host regular check-ins with Project Officers for continuous improvement efforts.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

Some subjectivity will be involved for Project Officers in determining whether a state included commitments to address disproportionate impacts. Assumptions are that Project Officers are reporting accurate and truthful information to the OEJECR database.

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:

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

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