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 written agreements between EPA and states and Tribes implementing delegated authorities that include commitments to address disproportionate impacts.

**Goal Number/Objective:** Goal 2/Objective 2.1

**NPM Lead:** Office of the Administrator (OA), Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ)

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), EPA will continue to explore the universe of written agreements implicated. Approved grant work plans are a potential starting point for this effort.

- **Disproportionate impacts:** The definition of disproportionate impacts is evolving at EPA and this LTPG contemplates adoption of a final definition established for EPA as a whole. For now, the current working definition is:

  A disproportionately impacted community is overburdened by negative environmental conditions and exhibits greater levels of vulnerability compared to other communities. Disproportionality is the most inclusive and specific term for the conditions faced by communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns. Disproportionality includes recognition of the multiple environmental, psycho-social, economic, and other stressors that cumulatively impact the community.

- **Commitments to address disproportionate impacts:** For this LTPG, this relates to Tribal or state commitments such as using tools to analyze for disproportionate impacts and then using policy or program responses to address such impacts. Examples of commitments include prioritizing monitoring, prioritizing enforcement, prioritizing remediation, etc. for those communities experiencing a disproportionate impact.

1c. **Unit of Measure:**
The percentage of written agreements.
2a. Data Source:
To be determined by the end of FY 2022, once we have established the universe of implicated written agreements.

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:
To be determined by the end of FY 2022.

3. Calculation Methodology:
The number of written agreements that meet the criteria (once defined) divided by the total number of written agreements in the defined population (universe).

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls
To be determined by the end of FY 2022.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:
To be determined by the end of FY 2022.

6. Technical Contact:
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7. Certification Statement/Signature

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

DAA Signature __Original signed by Acting DAA for OP, Andy Teplitzky__  Date __5/23/2022__