

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, EPA programs with direct implementation authority will take at least 100 significant actions that will result in measurable improvements in Indian country.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of significant actions taken by EPA programs with direct implementation authority that will result in measurable improvements in Indian country.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.1

NPM Lead: Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This long-term performance goal (LTPG) tracks significant actions by each EPA direct implementation (EPA DI) program that assists EPA in meeting the federal trust responsibility and providing for equitable program implementation in Indian country.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

EPA Direct Implementation: In Indian country where an EPA program has not been delegated to a federally recognized tribe, EPA directly implements all aspects of the program. EPA direct implementation responsibility is separate from EPA oversight authority of a delegated program. For purposes of this LTPG in improving EPA's DI in Indian country, EPA will focus on the majority of EPA programs that are directly implemented by the Agency under seven major EPA statutes: the Clean Water Act (CWA); Clean Air Act (CAA); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

EPA DI Programs: Currently, EPA counts approximately 25 separate EPA offices performing DI work in Indian country. The exact number of offices will be determined after completion of the EPA DI Workgroup report. It is anticipated that the final number will be between 25-30 programs.

Significant Actions: EPA conducts a large number of direct implementation actions, and these actions can vary widely under each EPA statute. To enable EPA to assess improvements from this diverse set of activities, EPA is capturing programmatic activities by aligning them into defined significant actions.

Significant actions are:

- (1) Conducting training for EPA DI staff for each EPA DI program.
- (2) Contributing to an EPA DI report identifying barriers in the offices' DI program and making recommendations.
- (3) Placing EPA DI federally regulated facility and federally regulated entity locational information/data into EJScreen for each EPA DI program.

- (4) Identifying barriers removed, the actions and process used, and resulting improvements. Information will be used to develop a follow-up report that lists impactful actions and measures and the implementation improvement in Indian country resulting from those actions.

Each program will contribute at least 1 significant action per year by completing the actions listed (1-4).

Achieving measurable DI improvement in Indian country: The DI Program-submitted list of barriers removed will contain more specific information on the barrier, the actions and process used to resolve it, and the resulting implementation improvement in Indian country. EPA will use this information to identify possible best practices. This information, which will appear in the final report, will provide further context to support the performance results.

1c. Unit of Measure:

The number of significant actions completed, as defined above.

2a. Data Source:

The information used to comply with this LTPG will originate from 25-30 EPA DI programs using a variety of programmatic-specific data systems and sources. The EPA DI programs will provide information that will be collected on a rolling and as needed basis (may require episodic data calls), collated, and held by OITA's American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO).

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

The baseline is zero at the start of FY 2022.

3. Calculation Methodology:

Each "significant action" completed by an EPA DI program represents a single result towards the aggregate. The total number of significant actions possible will be the total number of DI Programs multiplied by the 4 listed significant actions. Significant actions will be totaled on a quarterly, annual, and cumulative basis, depending on the reporting request, as reported by the program offices.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

Since the information used to comply with this LTPG will originate from a variety of programmatic-specific data systems and sources, Associated Quality Management Plans, Quality Assurance Project Plans, and SOPs will be utilized to provide quality control.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

The significant actions measure that the EPA DI program conducted training, contributed to the initial DI report, placed information on EJSCREEN, and listed barriers removed, and improvements made for a final report. This LTPG does not count the specific number of actions taken to remove barriers, although the full list will be in the final report. OITA is requesting that EPA DI programs use their National Program Guidance and associated performance measures and their individual national and regional program office performance measures to assess individual EPA DI program barrier-removal progress and actions and the resulting DI improvements in Indian country.

6. Technical Contact:

LTPG Lead: Jeff Besougloff (OITA), 202 564-0292

EPA DI Activities: Luke Jones (OITA), 202 564-4013

7. Certification Statement/Signature:

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

DAA Signature Original signed by Rafael DeLeon **Date** 5/13/2022