Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

**Long-Term Performance Goal Text:** By September 30, 2026, all EPA programs and regions will implement program and region-specific disability access plans.

**Corresponding Annual Performance Goal:** Percentage of EPA programs and regions that have implemented program and region-specific disability access plans.

**Goal Number/Objective:** Goal 2/Objective 2.2

**NPM Lead:** Office of General Counsel (OGC), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO)

**1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:**
The purpose of this long-term performance goal (LTPG) is to ensure every EPA community outreach and engagement activity considers the needs of persons with disabilities and provides persons with disabilities needed reasonable accommodations and appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary so they may effectively participate in EPA programs and activities.

This long-term performance goal will also help ensure that EPA is complying with its legal obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and EPA’s implementing regulation of 40 CFR Part 12, which provide that no person, shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by EPA. All EPA national programs and regional offices will have in place program and regional office-specific plans to help ensure their programs and activities are accessible to persons with disabilities and EPA will comply with its legal responsibilities, EPA’s upcoming FY 2023 Order on “Ensuring Meaningful Access for Persons with Disabilities to EPA Conducted Programs, Services and Activities,” as well as and in furtherance and support of Executive Order (EO) 13985 - Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

**1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:**
EPA programs and regions: To be determined. The starting point is the 41 national program sub-offices as listed below and EPA’s 10 regional offices. The External Civil Rights Compliance Office will be working with each national program to determine which sub-offices are implicated for this long-term performance goal.

National Program sub-offices:
- **Office of the Administrator**
  - Office of Children’s Health Protection; Office of Homeland Security; Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education; National Center for Environmental Economics; Office of Regulatory Policy and Management; Office of Federal Activities; Office of Community Revitalization; Office of Environmental Justice; Office of Policy’s Climate Adaptation
- **Office of Air and Radiation**
  - Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards; Office of Atmospheric Programs; Office of Transportation and Air Quality; Office of Radiation and Indoor Air
- **Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention**
  - Office of Pesticide Programs; Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
Implement: For this LTPG, the program or region-specific disability access plan will have been implemented when the plan has been put into practice.

Program and region-specific disability access plans: Program and regional office-specific plans for ensuring meaningful access for persons with disabilities, consistent with FY 2023 EPA Order on “Ensuring Meaningful Access for Persons with Disabilities to EPA Conducted Programs, Services and Activities.”

Legal obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and EPA’s implementing regulation at 40 C.F.R. Part 12: EPA is obligated to provide reasonable accommodations such that persons with disabilities – including applicants, participants, personnel of other Federal entities, and members of the public, can meaningfully access and participate in EPA sponsored programs and activities. This obligation includes that EPA provide necessary auxiliary and services as well take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication to provide meaningful access and participation. It also includes ensuring that EPA facilities as well facilities used by EPA in carrying out EPA programs, services, or activities, be physically accessible to persons with disabilities.

1c. Unit of Measure:
The percentage of EPA programs and regions.

2a. Data Source:
Each implicated national program sub-office and regional office will report their data quarterly, generally within the month after the end of a quarter, until all disability access plans are in place. Points of contact for each national program sub-office and regional office will collect the data and enter it into a centralized database that the Agency uses for business automation processes (BAP).

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:
Quarterly targets are to be determined. When the data is entered into BAP, there is the capability to extract data to determine which national program sub-office or region has reported for that quarter. The FY 2022 Baseline is 0.

3. Calculation Methodology:
Quarterly results will be calculated cumulatively, with the number of national program sub-offices and regions reporting for that period representing the numerator. The total number of implicated national program sub-offices and regions will be the denominator.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:
The FY 2023 EPA Order on “Ensuring Meaningful Access for Persons with Disabilities to EPA Conducted Programs, Services and Activities” will be used to determine whether the disability access plans meet the necessary requirements. ECRCO will work with leaders in EPA’s national programs and regions by providing technical assistance for developing and implementing program and region-specific disability access plans.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:
Obtaining verification from national program sub-offices and regions that a program or region-specific disability access plan has been implemented.

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 Elise Packard_ Date __5/24/2022__