Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, complete 84 information sharing sessions and outreach and technical assistance events with overburdened and underserved communities and environmental justice advocacy groups on civil rights and environmental justice issues.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of information sharing sessions and outreach and technical assistance events held with overburdened and underserved communities and environmental justice advocacy groups on civil rights and environmental justice issues.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.3

NPM Leads: Office of General Counsel (OGC), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) and Office of the Administrator (OA), Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:
To ensure EPA is more fully and meaningfully engaged with internal (all EPA national program and regional offices) and external (states, overburdened communities, and advocates) stakeholders to inform and strengthen its external civil rights compliance work for the benefit of overburdened and underserved communities. By incrementally increasing the number of engagements from FY 2022 through FY 2026, EPA will be able to engage a better cross-section of interested stakeholders, not only the advocates but the actual community members themselves, to better identify concerns and priorities for EPA’s civil rights and environmental justice work.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:
Information sharing sessions, outreach, and technical assistance: In the context of this long-term performance goal (LTPG), these are different methods for engaging with communities, government agencies, and advocacy groups. These terms are intended to be encompassing of the different forms of engagement between EPA programs and external stakeholders in order to share information, receive feedback, and mutually build the capacity of all involved to improve the understanding and ability to operationalize integration of environmental justice considerations and compliance with civil rights requirements in ways that are meaningful and responsive to community concerns and realities.

Overburdened communities: For this LTPG, overburdened indicates communities of color, marginalized communities, low-income, Tribal or indigenous populations, or geographic locations in the United States that potentially experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks.

Underserved communities: For this LTPG, underserved indicates marginalized populations that have been systematically denied the full opportunity to participate in aspects of social, economic, and civil life.

Environmental justice advocacy groups: Groups, generally but not exclusively with 501c3 status, that advocate for environmental equity and justice for communities that have historically been underserved and overburdened with environmental issues.

1c. Unit of Measure:
The number of information sharing sessions and outreach, technical assistance events with overburdened and underserved communities and environmental justice advocacy groups.

2a. Data Source:
Staff in the External Civil Rights Compliance Office will report their data quarterly, generally within the month after the end of a quarter. ECRCO staff will enter the data into a centralized database that the agency uses for business automation processes (BAP). The data collection form is to be developed within BAP by the end of FY 2022. Staff in the National Environmental Justice (EJ) Program will continue to use their internal reporting platform, using a SharePoint database.

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Result:
Quarterly targets are to be determined based on the planning of sessions and events with communities and advocacy groups.

3. Calculation Methodology:
The total results will be the aggregate number of sessions and events conducted annually from FY 2022 through FY 2026.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:
QA/QC procedures will be developed by ECRCO and OEJ. This will include providing guidance on what qualifies as an information sharing session, outreach, or technical assistance event. For issues around identifying environmental justice advocacy groups, it is recommended that regional EJ coordinators are engaged to ensure an accurate recognition of such groups has been accomplished.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:
Identifying what qualifies as an information sharing session, outreach, or technical assistance event, or identifying an environmental justice advocacy group. Environmental justice advocacy groups do not necessarily identify as such either as their primary or even explicit function (e.g., many community-based or faith-based organizations).

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:
I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.

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