

EPA REGION 3 FACT SHEET

Internal deliberative pre-decisional - FOR USE BY 2024 PRESIDENT-ELECT TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS ONLY

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Region 3's geographic area includes the states: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia and the Tribal Nations of Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

The Regional Office headquarters: Four Penn Center, 1600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia PA 19103 with field offices located in the following locations:

- Chesapeake Bay Program, 1750 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
- Wheeling Office, 1060 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Emergency Operations & Conference Center, 3902 Columbia Ave, Linwood, PA 19061
- Laboratory: Environmental Science Center, 701 Mapes Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755

Regional Staff Allocation FY24: 881.7 Full Time Equivalents including Base Appropriation (766.1), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (77.3) (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (38.3).

KEY POINTS:

Top environmental priorities and challenges

- Reduce the backlog of State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) under the Clean Air Act.
- Collaborate with the Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions to accelerate progress toward meeting 31 goals and outcomes in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and the Beyond 2025 initiative.
- Ensure clean and safe drinking water to communities and adequate state capacity to ensure compliance. Continue to work with states to identify and mitigate challenges, reduce children's exposure to lead and copper, and address new and emerging contaminants such as PFOA and PFOS.
- Address compliance challenges exacerbated by aging and failing infrastructure in economically disadvantaged and overburdened communities.
- Promote environmental stewardship in agricultural practices by partnering with State Agricultural Departments to train, encourage and assist farmers in reducing nonpoint source pollution.
- Continue to build capacity and support the 7 federally recognized Tribal Nations in Virginia to recognize and address environmental concerns.
- Reduce childhood lead exposures and health impacts in targeted cities and communities with aging infrastructure through traditional and innovative activities for all exposure pathways.
- Implement Enforcement Memorandums of Agreement executed roles and responsibilities for undertaking enforcement actions, to create consistency and to better serve the regulated community.
- Develop innovative compliance assurance activities which meet new expectations for compliance monitoring objectives while protecting the health and safety of EPA staff, public and regulated entities post-pandemic.

- Develop analytical methods and add capability in the Region 3 laboratory for emerging environmental issues or contaminants, such as PFAS and ethylene oxide in air.
- Target Brownfields program resources utilizing the R3 Land Revitalization Data Mapping Tool to inform strategic planning for expansion and improvements.
- Complete clean-ups and deletions of sites on the National Priorities List including those funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Support cross regional grant awards and monitoring for funding to states and local communities to meet the requirements of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

ONGOING/UPCOMING REVIEWS FOR FY2025:

- State Review Framework Round 4 Enforcement and Compliance Review for the Maryland Department of the Environment. Expected completion 2025.
- Continue to work with the Region 3 states to address recommendations identified through the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System resource and capacity assessments.

KEY EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS:

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MOVING FORWARD: