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**Environmental Protection Agency
FY 2027 Annual Performance Plan and Congressional Justification**

**APPROPRIATION: Inland Oil Spill Programs
Resource Summary Table
(Dollars in Thousands)**

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Inland Oil Spill Programs				
Budget Authority	\$22,657	\$20,561	\$16,085	-\$4,476
Total Workyears	81.8	67.8	69.9	2.1

Bill language: Inland Oil Spill Programs

For expenses necessary to carry out the Environmental Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, including hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, \$16,085,000, to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability trust fund, to remain available until expended.

**Program Projects in Inland Oil Spill Programs
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Program Project	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Compliance				
Compliance Monitoring	\$1,116	\$755	\$605	-\$150
Enforcement				
Civil Enforcement	\$2,964	\$2,289	\$1,724	-\$565
Oil				
Oil Spill: Prevention, Preparedness and Response	\$17,744	\$16,220	\$12,679	-\$3,541
Operations and Administration				
Facilities Infrastructure and Operations	\$275	\$676	\$555	-\$121
Research: Sustainable Communities				
Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities	\$558	\$621	\$522	-\$99
TOTAL Inland Oil Spill Programs	\$22,657	\$20,561	\$16,085	-\$4,476

Compliance

Compliance Monitoring

Program Area: Compliance

Goal: Provide Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American

Objective(s): Compliance and Enforcement

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Environmental Programs & Management	\$114,685	\$106,498	\$68,469	-\$38,029
<i>Inland Oil Spill Programs</i>	<i>\$1,116</i>	<i>\$755</i>	<i>\$605</i>	<i>-\$150</i>
Hazardous Substance Superfund	\$1,427	\$817	\$817	\$0
Total Budget Authority	\$117,228	\$108,070	\$69,891	-\$38,179
Total Workyears	476.3	431.7	371.4	-60.3

The Agency notes that FY 2026 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Program Project Description:

The Compliance Monitoring Program is a component of the Agency's Compliance Assurance Program that detects noncompliance and promotes compliance with the Nation's environmental laws. Under this program, EPA integrates the data from the Facility Response Plans (FRP) and Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) systems into EPA's Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS). Data related to compliance with FRP and SPCC requirements are made available to the public through EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online website.¹

FY 2027 Activities and Performance Plan:

Work in this program directly supports Goal 1/Objective 5, *Compliance and Enforcement* in the *FY 2026-2030 EPA Strategic Plan*.

In FY 2027, the program will continue to conduct compliance monitoring activities under the Oil Spill: Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program under the Inland Oil Spill Programs appropriation. This includes streamlining work efficiencies for the program to increase alignment to the new initiatives.

Performance Measure Targets:

FY 2027 performance goals and targets are located in the FY 2027 Performance Goals tab.

¹ For additional information, please visit: <https://echo.epa.gov/>.

FY 2027 Change from FY 2026 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- (+\$220.0) This net change to fixed and other costs is an increase due to the estimated calculation of base payroll costs for existing FTE, adjustments to provide essential workforce support, and estimated changes to benefits costs.
- (-\$370.0 / +0.7 FTE) This program change aligns FTE with core statutory requirements, recognizes needed efficiencies, and returns to core compliance assistance work.

Statutory Authority:

Oil Pollution Act; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, 84 Stat. 2086, as amended by Pub. L. 98–80, 97 Stat. 485 (codified at Title 5, App.) (EPA’s organic statute).

Enforcement

Civil Enforcement

Program Area: Enforcement

Goal: Provide Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American

Objective(s): Compliance and Enforcement

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Environmental Programs & Management	\$197,884	\$231,101	\$137,018	-\$94,083
Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$608	\$583	\$427	-\$156
<i>Inland Oil Spill Programs</i>	<i>\$2,964</i>	<i>\$2,289</i>	<i>\$1,724</i>	<i>-\$565</i>
Total Budget Authority	\$201,456	\$233,973	\$139,169	-\$94,804
Total Workyears	970.3	884.1	759.9	-124.2

The Agency notes that FY 2026 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Program Project Description:

The Civil Enforcement Program investigates, develops, litigates, and settles administrative and judicial cases against serious violators of federal environmental laws. The program conducts enforcement activities on behalf of EPA to ensure clean air, land, and water for every American. EPA advances cooperative federalism by working in partnership with co-regulators, including the Department of Justice, states, Tribal governments, and local agencies.

Proposed resource changes for the Civil Enforcement Program aim to increase the effectiveness of the Agency's operations and reduce duplicative, voluntary, and unnecessary work, and bring focus to EPA's core mission and Administration priorities in a cost-efficient manner.

FY 2027 Activities and Performance Plan:

Work in this program directly supports Goal 1/Objective 5, *Compliance and Enforcement* in the *FY 2026-2030 EPA Strategic Plan*.

Civil Enforcement efforts will focus actions where enforcement will promote deterrence; and ensure that spills are prevented, cleaned up, and, where appropriate, mitigated. The Civil Enforcement Program also will continue to coordinate with the Criminal Enforcement Program, as appropriate.

Performance Measure Targets:

FY 2027 performance goals and targets are located in the FY 2027 Performance Goals tab.

FY 2027 Change from FY 2026 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- (-\$287.0) This net change to fixed and other costs is a decrease due to the estimated calculation of base payroll costs for existing FTE, adjustments to provide essential workforce support, and estimated changes to benefits costs.
- (-\$278.0 / -1.2 FTE) This program change aligns funding with core statutory requirements, recognizes needed efficiencies, and refocuses enforcement efforts. Resources in this program are proposed for reduction to decrease unnecessary burden on EPA partners and the regulated community, to unleash American energy and economic growth, and refocus EPA on its mission.

Statutory Authority:

Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, 84 Stat. 2086, as amended by Pub. L. 98–80, 97 Stat. 485 (codified at Title 5, App.) (EPA’s organic statute); Clean Water Act; Oil Pollution Act.

Oil

Oil Spill: Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Program Area: Oil

Goal: Provide Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American

Objective(s): Revitalized Land and Contamination Prevention

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
<i>Inland Oil Spill Programs</i>	<i>\$17,744</i>	<i>\$16,220</i>	<i>\$12,679</i>	<i>-\$3,541</i>
Total Budget Authority	\$17,744	\$16,220	\$12,679	-\$3,541
Total Workyears	68.8	57.4	60.0	2.6

The Agency notes that FY 2026 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Program Project Description:

The Oil Spill: Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program manages inland oil spills via prevention, preparation, response, and monitoring. The Agency serves as first responders to oil spill notifications received from the National Response Center.¹ Through this program, EPA requires high-risk facilities to prepare response plans assessed and evaluated by the Agency based on their size and location of oil either retained or used. The Program inspects Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) facilities, including a subcategory of Facility Response Plan (FRP) facilities recognized as high-risk due to their size and location, and implements the National Contingency Plan Subpart J Product Schedule.

The program is proposed for reduction to increase the effectiveness of Agency operations and reduce duplicative, voluntary, and unnecessary work. This change focuses resources on EPA's core mission and advances core statutory work.

FY 2027 Activities and Performance Plan:

Work in this program directly supports Goal 1/Objective 3, *Revitalized Land and Contamination Prevention*, in the *FY 2026-2030 EPA Strategic Plan*.

In FY 2027, the program will:

- Ensure every oil and chemical incident emergency response action will protect human health and the environment for the American people.
- Develop partnerships at state and federal levels that supports advanced inspector training and yearly oil spill response training so responders can protect the needs of the American people. This will streamline compliance with regulatory requirements and optimize responsiveness for oil spill incidents to safeguard the environment, boost infrastructure, and bring back American jobs that will allow the Nation to thrive.

¹ For additional information about EPA's Oil Spill Prevention Program, please refer to: <https://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations>.

Performance Measure Targets:

FY 2027 performance goals and targets are located in the FY 2027 Performance Goals tab.

FY 2027 Change from FY 2026 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- (-\$2,588.0) This change to fixed and other costs is a decrease due to the estimated calculation of base payroll costs for existing FTE, adjustments to provide essential workforce support, and estimated changes to benefits costs.
- (-\$953.0 / +2.6 FTE) This program net change aligns funding with core statutory requirements and strategic goals, while recognizing needed efficiencies. EPA will prioritize resources for SPCC and FRP facility inspections for facilities that pose the highest risk. These adjustments are necessary to enable EPA to fulfill its federal responsibilities in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

Statutory Authority:

The Clean Water Act Section 311 as amended by the Oil Pollution Act.

Operations and Administration

Facilities Infrastructure and Operations

Program Area: Operations and Administration

Goal: Advance Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership

Objective(s): Organizational Excellence

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Environmental Programs & Management	\$281,585	\$258,274	\$252,262	-\$6,012
Science & Technology	\$68,981	\$64,714	\$60,311	-\$4,403
Building and Facilities	\$7,147	\$34,000	\$28,900	-\$5,100
Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$457	\$764	\$627	-\$137
Inland Oil Spill Programs	\$275	\$676	\$555	-\$121
Hazardous Substance Superfund	\$65,886	\$66,713	\$61,868	-\$4,845
Total Budget Authority	\$424,331	\$425,141	\$404,523	-\$20,618
Total Workyears	295.1	256.2	308.0	51.8

The Agency notes that FY 2026 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Total workyears in FY 2027 include 3.1 FTE in Facilities Infrastructure and Operations working capital fund (WCF) services, an increase of 2.7 FTE.

Program Project Description:

This program will realize savings as EPA anticipates improvements in workforce efficiency and facilities consolidation, allowing for a reduction in resources needed to maintain agency facilities. Inland Oil Spills (OIL) resources in the Facilities Infrastructure and Operations Program fund the Agency's rent, utilities, and security.

FY 2027 Activities and Performance Plan:

Work in this program directly supports Goal 3/Objective 3, *Organizational Excellence*, in the *FY 2026-2030 EPA Strategic Plan*.

In FY 2027, EPA will continue to invest in the reconfiguration of EPA's workspaces, enabling the Agency to release office space and avoid long-term rent costs, consistent with Public Law 114-287, the *Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016*. In compliance with Executive Order (EO) 14274: *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Office Space Management*,² as well as EO 14210: *Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Workforce Optimization Initiative*,³ EPA is implementing a space consolidation plan that will reduce the number of occupied facilities, consolidate space within remaining facilities, and reduce square footage.

² For more information, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/04/18/2025-06838/restoring-common-sense-to-federal-office-space-management>.

³ For more information, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/02/14/2025-02762/implementing-the-presidents-department-of-government-efficiency-workforce-optimization-initiative>.

EPA is working to reduce office, laboratory, and warehouse space. This has the potential to provide an avoidance of approximately \$19 million in rent, utilities, and security across all appropriations in FY 2027. This will help offset EPA's escalating rent and security costs and reduce taxpayer burden. The Agency is vacating its Houston regional laboratory and consolidating into the Ada, OK, facility for rent savings of \$3.5 million and space reduction of 41,126 square feet. The Agency also is aggressively pursuing footprint reductions in its most expensive leased facilities. Due to persistent issues with the current Region 4 Headquarters and insufficient space at the Los Angeles facility, the Agency has begun the process to secure new leases in both locations. For FY 2027, the Agency is estimating \$483 thousand for rent, with no funding for utilities and security in the Oil appropriation. EPA uses a standard methodology to ensure that rent charging appropriately reflects planned and enacted resources at the appropriation level.

In FY 2027, the Agency will support optimization of office and laboratory space to right-size the Agency's footprint, while supporting activities necessary for lab consolidation, retrofitting of laboratories with technologies and AI automation, and releasing of excess office space in high-cost areas. These investments along with ongoing activities will decrease the growth of long-term rent costs, reduce its footprint, and create a more efficient, collaborative, and technologically sophisticated workplace. In FY 2025, the percentage of space utilized at the GSA goal of 150 square feet per person at EPA owned and leased facilities is 38 percent. Investments in space optimization will advance EPA's goal of a higher space utilization rate, with a goal of 45 percent, and improve the use of EPA's workspaces.

EPA will continue to manage lease agreements and occupancy agreements with GSA, and maintain EPA facilities, fleet, equipment, and fund costs associated with utilities and building security needs. EPA also will track capital equipment and meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and applicable environmental regulatory obligations and provide safety, health and environmental management (SHEM) support training to headquarters and field staff (e.g., SHEM managers, industrial hygienists, radiation safety officers, and on-Scene Coordinators), and track capital equipment. In addition, the Agency will continue to utilize GSA's Managed Service Office, *USAccess*, and Enterprise Physical Access Control System (ePACS) programs. *USAccess* provides standardized HSPD-12 approved Personal Identity Verification (PIV) cards and ePACS provides centralized access control of EPA facilities, including restricted and secure areas.

Performance Measure Targets:

FY 2027 performance goals and targets are located in the FY 2027 Performance Goals tab.

FY 2027 Change from FY 2026 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- (+\$3.0) This change to fixed and other costs is a net increase due to the recalculation of transit subsidy, rent, utilities, and security.
- (-\$124.0) This program change is a decrease due to a reduction in contracting resources to reflect efficiencies across facility management and operations activities. This program is proposed for reduction in alignment with Administration priorities to use taxpayer dollars efficiently and to shrink the federal real estate footprint by eliminating unused office space.

Statutory Authority:

Federal Property and Administration Services Act (FPAS); Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, 84 Stat. 2086, as amended by Pub. L. 98-80, 97 Stat. 485 (codified at Title 5, App.) (EPA's organic statute).

Research: Sustainable Communities

Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities

Program Area: Research: Sustainable Communities

Goal: Provide Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American

Objective(s): Revitalized Land and Contamination Prevention

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Final Actuals	FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2027 President's Budget	FY 2027 President's Budget v. FY 2026 Enacted Operating Plan
Science & Technology	\$118,419	\$121,477	\$57,523	-\$63,954
Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$321	\$182	\$294	\$112
<i>Inland Oil Spill Programs</i>	\$558	\$621	\$522	-\$99
Hazardous Substance Superfund	\$15,959	\$11,448	\$11,202	-\$246
Total Budget Authority	\$135,257	\$133,728	\$69,541	-\$64,187
Total Workyears	416.2	152.4	283.6	131.2

The Agency notes that FY 2026 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Program Project Description:

EPA's Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) Research Program is proposed for reduction to increase the effectiveness of Agency operations and reduce duplicative, voluntary, and unnecessary work. This change focuses resources on EPA's core mission and advances core statutory work. This program, funded through the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, provides federal, Tribal, state, and community decision-makers with analysis and tools to protect human and ecosystem health from the negative impacts of oil spills.⁴

FY 2027 Activities and Performance Plan:

Work in this program directly supports Goal 1/Objective 3, *Revitalized Land and Contamination Prevention* in the *FY 2026-2030 EPA Strategic Plan*.

In FY 2027, the Oil Spill Program will conduct research to support regulatory activities and protocol development for EPA's programs and to support state-delegated programs. This program will provide on-demand technical support at federal, Tribal, or state-managed cleanup sites and assistance during emergencies. The program will continue to conduct health, environmental engineering, and ecological research and will prepare planning and analysis tools for localities nationwide that will facilitate regulatory compliance and improve environmental and health outcomes.

⁴ For more information, please see: https://www.uscg.mil/Mariners/National-Pollution-Funds-Center/About_NPFC/OSLTF/.

Specific activities in FY 2027 include: improving oil spill response and recovery operations via development of underwater detection capabilities, reviewing available subsea oil blowout models, characterizing oil behavior and dispersion in fresh and saltwater environments, and conducting studies to better understand impacts of oils and spill treating agents listed on the National Contingency Plan (NCP) Product Schedule.

Research Planning:

The Agency assesses its research performance through the distribution of research evaluation surveys to key users of its research products. This provides evidence for how research products are being used, by whom, and the degree of satisfaction product users have with research product quality, usability, and timeliness of delivery. Through the evaluation process, the Agency identifies its strengths and finds targeted areas for improvement to its research programs.

EPA's state engagement program is designed to inform states about their role within EPA and EPA's research programs and to better understand the science needs of state environmental and health agencies.⁵ Key partners at the state level include: the Environmental Council of the States, with its Environmental Research Institute of the States and the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council; the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; and state media associations.

Performance Measure Targets:

FY 2027 performance goals and targets are located in the FY 2027 Performance Goals tab.

FY 2027 Change from FY 2026 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- (-\$304.0) This change to fixed and other costs is a decrease due to the estimated calculation of base payroll costs for existing FTE, adjustments to provide essential workforce support, and estimated changes to benefits costs.
- (+\$205.0) This reflects a program change for the Sustainable and Healthy Communities Program to continue statutorily required work.

Statutory Authority:

Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, 84 Stat. 2086, as amended by Pub. L. 98-80, 97 Stat. 485 (codified as Title 5 App.) (EPA's organic statute); Oil Pollution Act.

⁵ For more information, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/research/epa-research-solutions-states>.