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Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goal

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2022, increase the use of alternative shared governance approaches to address state, tribal, local community reviews.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2: More Effective Partnerships/Objective 2.1: Enhance Shared Accountability

NPM Lead: Office of the Administrator (AO)/Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

Seeking new and innovative means to work with states and tribes on shared governance processes. Currently, there is no comprehensive system designed to evaluate state and local implementation of federal environmental programs. This results in the inability to determine the effectiveness and value of oversight activities.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

- Shared governance: The concept where management or implementation of federal environmental programs is shared with state, tribal, or local governments. This shared intergovernmental program implementation responsibility includes the majority of delegable authorities under federal law, where state and tribal co-regulators have delegation, authorization, or primacy of EPA programs. At its core, shared governance is defined by early and meaningful engagement with states and tribes. This concept is demonstrated through existing partnerships, such as the National Environmental Performance Partnership System and activities undertaken as part of E-Enterprise for the Environment.
- Alternative shared governance approach: An “alternative shared governance approach” is any change to a current EPA oversight or review process identified through lean process improvement or a joint problem-solving framework, made to reflect the shared governance concept.
- State, tribal, local community reviews: Any activity where EPA reviews or oversees state, tribal, or local government actions or programs (e.g., permit review, water quality standards, etc.).

1c. Unit of Measure: Number of completed templates (see methodology).

2a. Data Source:

- Relevant information system: Template / Standard Operating Procedure
- Entity that reports data to the system: Regions
- Frequency of reporting primary data: Reported as the Regions complete templates
- Provide reference to Quality Assurance Project Plan: N/A

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

- Baseline data: The baseline is zero as of FY 2018
- Frequency for reporting result: Monthly
- Universe for full scope of measure: The total number of opportunities for early engagement between Regions and states in the CWA NPDES and CAA Title V permit review programs.

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3. Methodology:

EPA is counting the number of early-engagement templates completed between Regions and states in the CWA NPDES real-time review and CAA Title V permit review programs. The template reflects a jointly-agreed to model for EPA's review activities, and is part of an "oversight framework," which also includes overarching principles laid out in a memo issued from the Acting Administrator on October 30, 2018 (available at: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/andrew-wheeler-messages-epa-employees>).

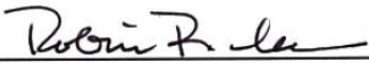
4. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

- Geographic and regional differences make it challenging to come up with a standard, national approach for the various programs.

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6. Certification Statement/Signature

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

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