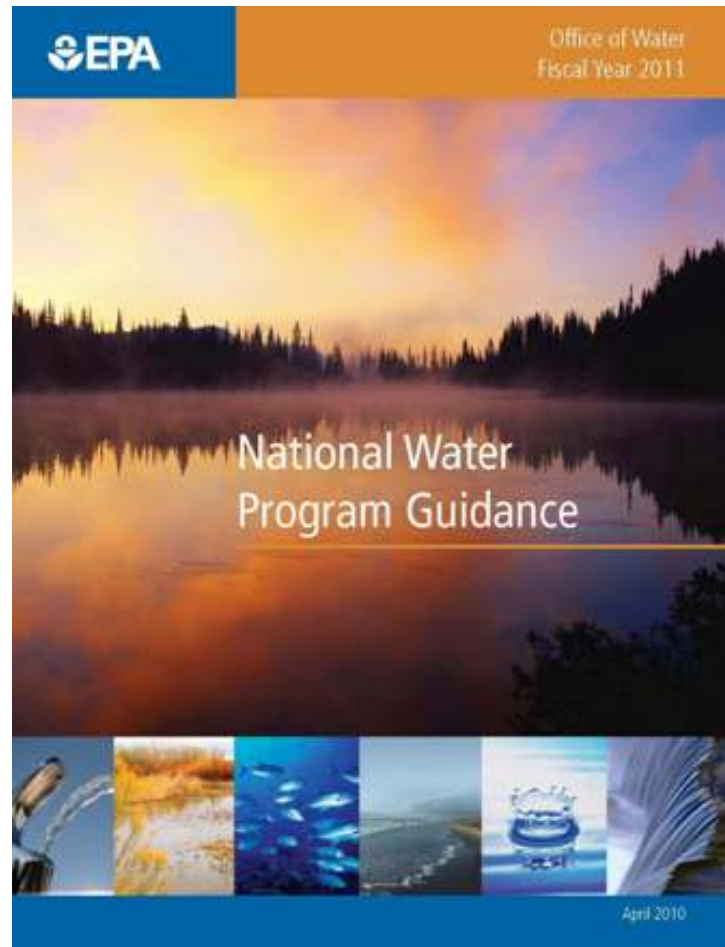


FY 2011 National Water Program Guidance Webinar

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EPA Region 6 · Dallas, Texas
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AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Overview of National Program Guidance Process
3. FY2009 End of Year Performance Review and Highlights
4. FY2010 Midyear Performance Review



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Meeting Agenda

5. FY2011 National Program Guidance
 - a. Structure
 - b. Priority Areas
 - c. Changes from FY2010
 - d. Discussion of Program Activity Measures (PAMs) and Region 6 Draft Targets
6. FY2011 Grants Guidance
7. Next Steps in the Process
8. Question and Answer Period





Overview of National Program Guidance Process

Government Performance Results Act 1993

- Strategic plan covers a period of at least five years
- Strategic plan updated every three years (3 NPM guidances per strategic plan)
- Current Strategic Plan: 2006 - 2011
- New Strategic Plan: 2011 - 2015





Agency Strategic Plan, 2011-2015

The draft 2011-2015 Strategic Plan is now available for public comment.

Schedule for finalizing the Strategic Plan:

June 18-July 30: Public comment period.

August 13: SP due to OMB

September 30: SP published

The Strategic Plan, along with instructions on how to comment are available on OCFO's web page:

<http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/plan/plan.htm>





Agency Strategic Plan, 2011-2015

Provides a blueprint for accomplishing the Agency's priorities during the next 5-years

Strategic goals:

1. Taking action on climate change and improving air quality
- 2. Protecting America's waters**
3. Cleaning up our communities
4. Ensuring the safety of chemicals and preventing pollution
5. Enforcing environmental laws





Agency Strategic Plan, 2011-2015

Goal 2: Protecting America's Waters

Work with states and tribes to develop **Nutrient Limits**.

Restore and protect the quality of the nation's streams, rivers, lakes, bays, oceans and aquifers.

Use **Authorities** to protect and restore . . . **Gulf of Mexico; urban rivers**; to ensure **safe drinking water**; and to reduce pollution from **nonpoint and industrial dischargers**.

Address **post-construction runoff, water-quality impairments from surface mining, and drinking-water contamination**.





Overview of National Program Guidance Process

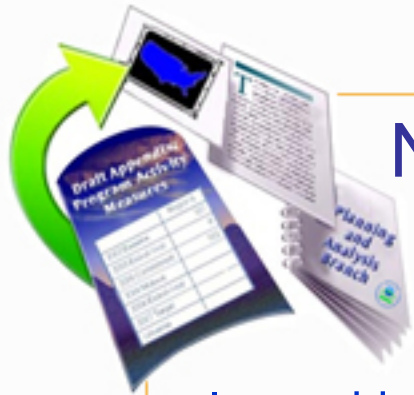
General Time-line

- Issued as Draft in February
- Draft Targets sent to OW in early April
- Final in late April
- Draft Commitments in July
- Final Commitments in September
- Midyear and End of Year Reporting

Find out more at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/npmguidance/>





National Program Managers Guidance

Issued by 5 national program managers to EPA's 10 Regional offices that implement 5 corresponding major environmental programs and goals:

- Air & Radiation
- **Water: National Water Program Guidance**
- Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances
- Enforcement & Compliance Assurance





National Water Program Guidance

- *Format consistent with EPA Strategic Plan—
Goals, Objectives, Subobjectives,
Strategic Targets*
- Adds Program Activity Measures (PAMs)
 - PAM Targets
 - PAM Indicators
 - Data managed in Annual Commitment System (ACS)





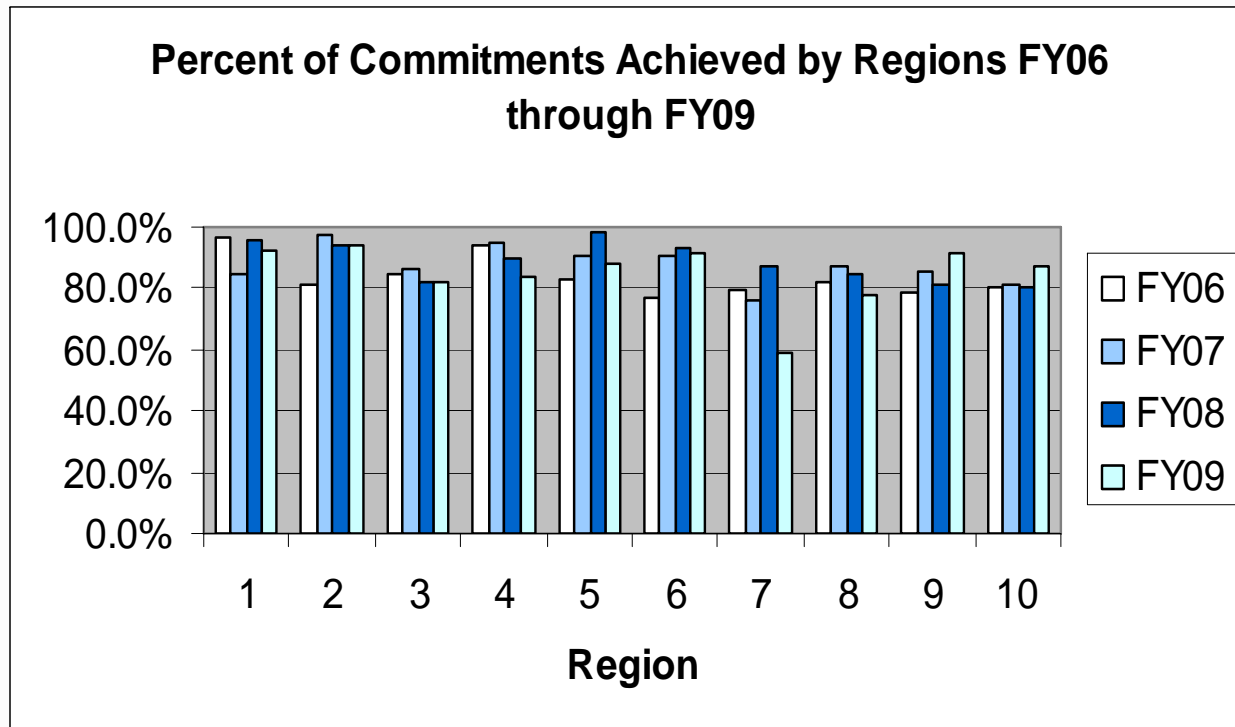
EPA Regional Water Program Performance FY2006 - 2009

Region	FY06 Rate	FY07 Rate	FY08 Rate	FY09 Rate
1	97.0%	84.6%	95.3%	92.6%
2	81.3%	97.7%	93.9%	93.8%
3	85.0%	86.4%	81.8%	82.2%
4	94.4%	95.2%	89.8%	84.1%
5	82.9%	90.4%	98.0%	88.0%
6	77.1%	90.2%	93.5%	91.1%
7	79.4%	76.3%	86.8%	59.3%
8	82.4%	87.5%	84.6%	77.5%
9	78.8%	85.7%	81.3%	91.8%
10	80.0%	81.0%	80.4%	87.5%





EPA Regional Water Program Performance FY2006 - 2009





EPA Region 6 End of Year Performance FY2009

(See Spreadsheet)





EPA Region 6 Midyear Performance FY2010

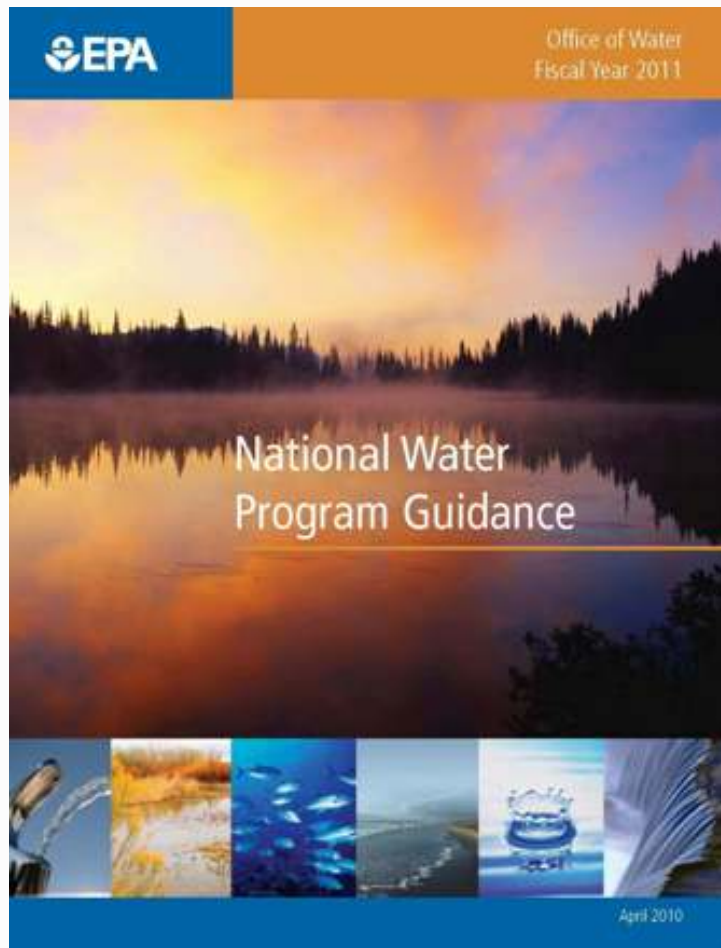
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(See Spreadsheet of Measures)





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Goal 2: Clean and Safe Water
Goal 4: Healthy Communities
& Ecosystems

Strategies to Protect Public Health

- Water Safe to Drink
- Fish and Shellfish Safe to Eat
- Water Safe for Swimming

Strategies to Protect Fresh Waters, Coastal Waters, and Wetlands

- Restore and Improve Water Quality on a Watershed Basis
- Protect Coastal and Ocean Waters/Estuaries
- Protect Wetlands

Strategies to Protect Large Aquatic Ecosystems

- Protect Mexico Border Water Quality, Pacific Islands Waters, Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, South Florida Ecosystem, Puget Sound Basin, Columbia River Basin





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FY 2011 National Water Program Priority Areas

1. Sustainable Communities: make communities more sustainable Water Infrastructure
 - Sustainable and secure water systems
 - Safeguard public health
 - Restore and protect urban waters





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FY 2011 National Water Program Priority Areas

2. Healthy Watersheds: restore and protect watersheds
 - Focus efforts in key geographic areas
 - Strengthen protection of our waters
 - Improve watershed-based approaches





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FY 2011 National Water Program Priority Areas

Support Administrator's key priority themes

- Take action on climate change
- Assure safety of chemicals
- Build strong state and tribal partnerships
- Expand the conversation of environmentalism
- Work for environmental justice





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Summary of Key Changes (Appendix D)

New Measures:

- WQ-1a, WQ-1b, WQ-1c: Tracks states progress in developing numeric water quality standards for TN and TP;
- WQ-22a, WQ-22b (indicator): Healthy Watersheds Initiative

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Measures (Appendix C of NWPG)

Sections added on Climate Change, Children's Health,
Urban Waters Initiative





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WQ-1: Tracks states progress in developing numeric water quality standards for TN and TP. WQ-1a and WQ-1b revised, WQ-1c added, in response to OIG report on lack of state adoption of numeric nutrient water quality standards.

New Measures

WQ-1a: *Number of numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and for total phosphorus **adopted** by States and Territories and approved by EPA, or promulgated by EPA, for all waters within the State or Territory for each of the following waterbody types: lakes/reservoirs, rivers/streams, and estuaries (cumulative, out of a universe of 280)*





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New Measures:

*WQ-1b: Number of numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus at least **proposed** by States and Territories, or by EPA proposed rulemaking, for all waters within the State or Territory for each of the following waterbody types: lakes/reservoirs, rivers/streams, and estuaries (cumulative, out of a universe of 280).*

WQ-1c: Number of States and Territories supplying a full set of performance milestone information to EPA concerning development, proposal, and adoption of numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus for each waterbody type within the State or Territory (annual). (The universe for this measure is 56)





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WQ-22a (indicator): *Number of Regions that have completed the development of a Healthy Watersheds Initiative (HWI) Strategy and have reached an agreement with at least one state to implement its portion of the Region's HWI Strategy.*

WQ-22b (indicator): *Number of states that have completed at least 2 of the major components of a Healthy Watershed Initiative assessment.*





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Key Changes

Goal I- Conduct joint planning and priority setting that reflects Performance Partnerships in PPAs, PPGs, and other state-EPA agreements

- One new objective requesting that regions identify and support collaborations to improve State-EPA business practices and promote improvement (applying LEAN, Kaizen, etc)



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Goal 2-Implement the Administrator's priorities through PPAs, PPGs, and other State-EPA agreements

- *New goal with new objectives requesting regions to leverage funds and activities to advance Children's Health, EJ, and Tribal and State capacity*
- *Subobjectives*
 - *Use grant agreements, PPGS, and PPAs to organize and articulate mutual compliance/ enforcements priorities and plans*



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Goal 3 – Foster sound PPG management practices

- *New objectives*
 - *Work with States to ensure proper management of ULOs, as new policy is established*
 - *Build regional and state capacity to accommodate revisions to state grant workplans and performance measures.*



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Next Steps: Draft Commitments, July 2010
Final Commitments, Sept. 2010
Final Agency Strategy, Sept. 30, 2010

Questions?

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