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Data Quality Record for Strategic Measures

Strategic Measure Text: By September 30, 2022, increase the number of grant commitments achieved by states, tribes, and local communities

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2: Cooperative Federalism/Objective 2.1: Enhance Shared Accountability

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

1a. Purpose of Strategic Measure:

The intent of this measure is to develop a system which the agency can use to track the grant commitments and resulting accomplishments as part of Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) work plans in order to increase the number of mutually-agreed upon achievements.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

- Grant commitment: A task that is jointly negotiated by EPA and the state or tribal grant recipient. For the purposes of this Strategic Measure, EPA is only looking at grant commitments within PPGs.
- Achieved: Indicates the grant commitment, as negotiated in the grant work plan, is met in full.
- Performance Partnership Grant: a tool that allows states and tribes to combine up to 20 categorical grants into a single, multi-program grant with a single budget.

1c. Unit of Measure: Percentage: EPA will first establish a baseline to determine the number of commitments contained in PPGs. EPA will then compare the current achievements to a set target goal in order to measure a percentage increase of commitments achieved.

2a. Data Source:

- Relevant information system: TBD
- Entity that reports data to the system: Regions, states, and tribes through PPG workplans
- Frequency of reporting primary data: Annually and/or as funding is awarded
- Reference to QAPP: N/A

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

- Baseline data: TBD
- Frequency for reporting result: Once a baseline is established, the intent is to be able to collect data and report out on accomplishments on a regular basis (at least annually)
- Universe for full scope of measure: All of the Agency's PPGs

3. Methodology

The initial goal is to establish a baseline and quantify the number of grant commitments in PPGs. To do this, OCIR will work with the National Environmental Performance Partnerships System (NEPPS) Coordinators and OITA to identify the number of commitments in state and tribal PPG workplans. Once a baseline is identified, OCIR and the NEPPS Coordinators will work with the states and tribes on periodic reporting of the number of environmental commitments achieved.

4. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

- Data collection and defining a baseline will be challenging because no nationally consistent system exists to collect and track these commitments.
- Due to the volume of data requested, the probability of data entry error exists.
- States and tribes may argue that the proposed measure will add administrative and accounting burdens on states and tribes, and create additional accounting and paperwork procedures.

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6. **Certification Statement/Signature**

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

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