

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, reduce disparities in environmental and public health conditions represented by the indicators identified through the FY 2022-2023 Agency Priority Goal.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: *For FY 2024 and FY 2025, progress on this Long-Term Performance Goal will be tracked under the Agency Priority Goal “Implement guidance, tools, and metrics for EPA and its Tribal, state, local, and community partners to advance environmental justice and external civil rights compliance.”*

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.2

NPM Lead: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR)

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

The purpose of this long-term performance goal (LTPG) is to measure the agency’s progress year over year in reducing disparities of community health, environmental protection, and access to benefits, in line with the ten or more indicators developed through the FY 2022-2023 Agency Priority Goal. EPA plans to implement the indicators in FY 2024. The ultimate purpose is to establish the necessity and ability within EPA to measure our mission achievement by evaluating how our efforts eliminate such disparities in communities with environmental justice concerns.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Reduce disparities: Disparities exist in communities when they experience higher levels of pollution burden, sickness, and disease due to social inequities, lack of access to services, economic status, etc. For this LTPG, reducing disparities refers to working to decrease pollution burdens, increase benefits, and remove barriers for these overburdened communities. Disparities are things that can be clearly measured as outcomes on the ground in communities (such as blood lead levels, actual levels of pollution, presence/severity/proximity to contaminated land).

1c. Unit of Measure:

Number of milestones completed.

2a. Data Source:

The tracking of milestones is done via the regular process for reporting on Agency Priority Goal Action Plans. All milestones are tracked on a table within the action plan.

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

The recorded completion of milestones.

3. Calculation Methodology:

Cumulative milestones completed per quarter.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

Completed milestone counts are reviewed and approved by OEJECR leadership.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

The language of the milestones doesn't always line up with the actual work, which can lead to subjectivity when determining milestone status.

6. Technical Contact:

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:

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

PDAA Signature Original signed by Theresa Segovia **Date** 5/6/2024