

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, initiate 45 proactive post-award civil rights compliance reviews to address discrimination issues in environmentally overburdened and underserved communities.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of proactive post-award civil rights compliance reviews initiated to address discrimination issues in environmentally overburdened and underserved communities.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 2/Objective 2.3

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

1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This long-term performance goal (LTPG) reports the number of annual affirmative civil rights compliance reviews initiated each year that focus on EPA financial assistance recipients whose programs and activities have critical environmental health and quality of life impacts in overburdened communities.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Proactive post-award civil rights compliance reviews: Office of External and Civil Rights Compliance (OECRC)-initiated investigation of a particular aspect of an EPA recipient's programs or activities to determine compliance with the civil rights laws enforced by OECRC. See OECRC's [Case Resolution Manual, Section 8.1](#).

Environmentally overburdened communities: For this LTPG, overburdened indicates communities of color, marginalized communities, low-income, Tribal or indigenous populations, or geographic locations in the United States that potentially experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks.

Underserved communities: For this LTPG, underserved indicates marginalized populations that have been systematically denied the full opportunity to participate in aspects of social, economic, and civil life.

1c. Unit of Measure:

The number of proactive post-award civil rights compliance reviews initiated.

2a. Data Source:

OECRC will use internal case processing tracking mechanisms to track initiation of a compliance reviews at the time they occur, along with recording compliance review resolution steps as they occur through to compliance review resolution. In initiating compliance reviews, OECRC will utilize its [Process and Criteria for Prioritizing and Selecting Affirmative Compliance Reviews](#) (1/6/22).

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

See [Process and Criteria for Prioritizing and Selecting Affirmative Compliance Reviews](#) (1/6/22).

3. Calculation Methodology:

The total for this LTPG is the aggregate number of compliance reviews initiated annually.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

Regulatory timeframes for case and compliance review resolution as set forth in [40 CFR Part 7](#), as well as EPA case tracking tools that identify all case processing points from receipt to resolution of the compliance review and aspirational timeframes for completion of each point. The case tracking tools are internal performance measures and part of OECRC's continuous improvement and accountability measures for achieving prompt, effective, and efficient processing of cases.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

This long-term performance goal is not measuring completion of compliance reviews, but the initiation of compliance reviews. Based on response to an Office of the Inspector General audit, OECRC developed criteria and a process for annual compliance reviews in FY 2022 (see link to document in Data Source above).

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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